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sparkly lights!**

Turning on the Christmas lights
in Roman Road and Wapping

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over-50s at tea dances

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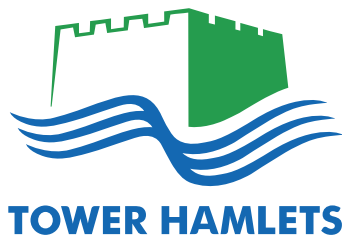
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DON'T LET DEBT RUIN CHRISTMAS

A BIG CHAP IN RED POPS IN TO CHRISP STREET



CHRISTMAS came early at Chrisp Street Market on Saturday, December 6, as social housing landlord Poplar HARCA put on a festive family fun day. Here, Chloe, 8, meets Santa in his grotto. For the full story, see pages 6 & 7.

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

DEBT advice groups in Tower Hamlets are urging residents to be careful about funding their Christmas on credit.

The warning comes after a survey conducted by a government financial advice agency found that almost half of Brits will turn to credit cards, store cards, overdrafts and payday lenders to cover the cost of Christmas.

Results from The Money Advice Service spending survey show that the average UK adult will spend £530 on Christmas this year, yet 30 per cent of those surveyed said they would find it harder to afford this year than they did last year.

Thirty-seven per cent of people admitted they felt under pressure to put on a special day for their family, while more than a quarter said they spend more than they can afford.

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The Roman Road Winter Festival was organised by its Residents' and Business Association in partnership with the council, to celebrate what makes the area such a vibrant and quirky place.

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Dame Helen Mirren turned on the lights at Wapping; children made balloon hats at the Roman Road festivities, while East London



Dame Helen lights up

CHILDREN and parents from Overland Day Nursery turned on the Christmas lights on Roman Road on Saturday, December 6.

The families were joined by Councillors Alibor Choudhury and Marc Francis to light up the Roman.

The Christmas lights switch-on was part of the Roman Road Winter Festival, a

(Right) Sofia, age 3, at the Roman Road



series of events that took place last week. Crowds were treated to live music, performances, street markets, and plenty of festive fun.

James Brady, a local resident who attended the event, said: "It's been a really lovely day. The kids and I have decorated cookies and made Christmas decorations. It's been a really enjoyable day for me and the children."

The festival was organised by the Roman Road Residents & Business Association, in partnership with the council. It celebrated one of the most important town centres in the East End, and the businesses that make it such a vibrant and quirky place to live and visit.

Cllr Choudhury said: "It was a brilliant event and it was so good to share the

stage with the children and parents of Overland.

"The Roman Road Winter Festival was a really festive event that saw so many people getting into the Christmas spirit. We need to thank all the local people who made this happen."

Angela Chambers, whose child used to attend the Overland Day Nursery, said: "This is such a fantastic decision to keep these nurseries open. All of these four nurseries give children a great start in life.

"Overland has been so supportive for me and other parents – helping to explain and support us. We're all very glad they're going to remain open."

The events on Roman Road also tied in with Small Business Saturday.

MORE than 200 local people turned out for the official switching on of the Christmas lights at Wapping Green on Monday, December 8.

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A great day for everyone

"We had a great response on the day. The good will, kindness and generosity of local residents, businesses and community organisations was amazing."

CLLR JULIE DOCKERILL, BELOW

Help for the vulnerable

Neighbours in Poplar provides practical support and care for vulnerable people in the area.

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Brass entertained guests and Jake, Joseph & Skye met Santa's elves

Christmas

The tree was funded by the council and the lights were switched on by surprise guest and local resident, actor Dame Helen Mirren.

The community celebration was organised by Wapping councillor Julia Dockerill and local businesses gave generously to support the event.

Dame Helen led the countdown to the switch-on before joining residents for carols and mulled wine.

"We had a great response on the day," Cllr Dockerill told East End Life.

"The good will,

kindness and generosity of local residents, businesses and community organisations was amazing.

"And Dame Helen was absolutely superb and very generous with her time."

Photos
by Vickie
Flores



(Right) Rockin' around the Christmas tree at Wapping

Police seek info on teen murder

BY STAFF REPORTER

A TEENAGER was stabbed to death in Bethnal Green on Friday, December 5.

Paramedics from the London Ambulance Service called police to Bethnal Green Road at about 11pm, where they found a 15-year-old boy suffering from serious stab wounds to the abdomen.

The teenager, who was formally identified as Joel Adesina, died in hospital in the early hours of Saturday, December 6.

A post mortem examination on Monday, December 8

revealed that he died as result of a stab wound to the liver.

Detectives are keen to speak to anyone who may have witnessed an argument between a group of men on foot and the occupants of a car just before the stabbing, in Padbury Court, off Brick Lane. The argument carried on in nearby Gibraltar Walk. Joel was part of the group on foot.

Detective Chief Inspector Chris Jones, leading the investigation, said: "Anyone who may have witnessed this altercation or have information which could assist the

investigation is asked to contact the police as soon as possible."

Call the incident room on 8345 3734, contact the police non-emergency line on 101 or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

■ A 24-year-old woman, who was arrested by detectives investigating the murder, has been bailed to a date in late January.

And two men – aged 24 and 23 – arrested on Monday, December 8, on suspicion of murder, remain in custody at separate north London police stations.

Man bailed after Duff Street rape

POLICE are appealing for information and witnesses after a young woman was raped in Poplar.

The woman caught the N15 night bus after a night out with friends and got off in East India Dock Road at about 4.25am on Thursday, December 4.

As she walked along nearby Duff Street, she was grabbed from behind and dragged on to waste ground next to what was formerly the African Queen pub.

The attacker subjected the woman to a violent sexual assault and stole money from her.

The victim's calls for help were heard by a number of local residents and police were called.

Officers attended the scene but the attacker had already made off along Duff Street, heading back towards East India Dock Road.

He is described as a black man, aged in his 20s, wearing a hooded top.

The victim, who is in her 20s, is receiving support from a specially trained officer within the police sexual offences, exploitation and child abuse command.

A 27-year-old man was arrested on Sunday, December 7, in connection with the rape and has been bailed to a date in early January 2015, pending further enquiries.

Anyone with information is asked to call police on 8733 6545 or, to remain anonymous, call Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

News in brief

Christmas fair at St Matthias, Poplar

COMMUNITY organisation Neighbours in Poplar is hosting a Christmas fair on Saturday, December 20, from 11am until 1pm.

Cards, toiletries, toys and refreshments will be on sale at the fair, taking place at St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High Street.

Proceeds from the event will go towards the work of Neighbours in Poplar, which provides practical support and care for vulnerable people in the area.

For further information, call 7987 0257 or visit <http://neighboursinpoplar.org.uk>

Cash for anti-FGM health project

COMMUNITY health charity Women's Health and Family Services in Whitechapel is among 17 projects to receive a share of £270,000 to help end female genital mutilation (FGM).

Communities Minister Stephen Williams announced the names of the frontline community projects on December 5 and said the money had been awarded to projects in areas with the greatest need.

The charity will receive £13,867 for its work, which includes raising awareness and understanding of the serious health implications of FGM.

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No money to live on

"He was very stressed and upset as he had no money to pay for food, fuel and groceries."

YASMIN ALAM, CITIZEN'S ADVICE BUREAU

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SCHOOLCHILDREN from Globe Town Voices choir brought festive joy to the Town Hall in Poplar on December 10 when they sang a compilation of songs for council staff and visitors. About 30 children from Globe, St Elizabeth's, St Johns and Bangabandhu schools were accompanied by music teacher and choir leader Oscar Wood (pictured left with pupils) and learning mentor Kathleen Douglas. The choir, made up of children from primary schools in the borough, will be at Canada Place shopping centre in Canary Wharf this Wednesday.

Avoid a debt hangover

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The research revealed that about 1.4 million people are planning to use payday loans.

Yasmin Alam, chief executive of East End Citizen's Advice Bureau (CAB), which provides free, independent advice, told East End Life that borrowing from a payday lender can quickly get out of hand.

One resident contacted CAB as he had taken out a number of payday loans, which require bank account details for payment. His only income was £136.10 jobseeker's allowance every two weeks and, once the loan payments were withdrawn, he had no money left to live on.

"He was very stressed as he had no money to pay for food, fuel and groceries," Yasmin said.

The CAB advised him to ask his bank to stop payments to all the payday loan companies. This

was successful, no withdrawals were made and his benefit payment was not affected.

The CAB wrote to the companies and offered monthly token payments based on his financial capability and asked for suspension of interest and charges.

The Money Advice Service suggests that anyone thinking of using payday loans should check out the alternatives first.

For money advice, contact:

■ **Toynbee Hall**, 28 Commercial Street, E1. Call 7392 2953

■ **Island Advice Centre**, Island House, Roserton Street, E14. Call 7987 9379 from Monday to Thursday, 10am to 12noon.

Alternatively you can visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/lgnl/advice_and_benefits/community_legal_advice/debt_and_money_advice.aspx to download a leaflet about debt and money advice.

We've got it salted!

BY SARAH MCLAUGHLIN

AS winter begins in earnest, the council's staff and contractors are on standby to keep the roads, cycle paths and pavements safe to use in the event of adverse weather.

Last winter saw milder, wet weather rather than extreme cold and heavy snowfall, resulting in only a small fraction of the borough's salt stocks being used. This year plans are in place, whatever the weather.

The gritting vehicles are ready for action and have access to 1,800 tonnes of salt. The council is responsible for most roads in the borough, except major roads such as the A11, A13 and A12, which are the responsibility of Transport for London.

An extensive programme of gully clearing and repair takes place across the borough throughout the year in an effort to ensure roads do not become flooded after heavy rainfall.

The council receives four forecasts a day from the Met Desk so that it knows what weather to expect and when to expect it. There is also a five-day forecast for longer term planning.

When very cold weather is predicted, council contractors grit roads in advance of icy



Gully cleaning in the borough

conditions and snow. It is not practical to plough in the borough because of traffic islands, parked vehicles and the needs of pedestrians.

The winter standby service began on November 1 and continues for 19 weeks to the end of the second week of March.

When snow falls and it is too slippery to sweep, the council's road sweepers will salt footways instead. The following areas are prioritised:

- hospital and health centre/surgery entrances
- school entrances
- care homes/day centres for elderly and/or disabled residents
- children's centres
- pharmacies
- busy public transport areas (excluding TfL areas), shopping centres and other

areas of high footfall. Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "We believe we have the necessary planning, contingencies and weather monitoring in place over the period to tackle the coming winter weather, ensuring essential services like Meals on Wheels, refuse collections and emergency vehicles can continue running."

For more information about the council's winter weather procedures, including which roads and footways are salted, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk or call 7364 5004.

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Season's greetings

OVER the last few weeks, I have been delighted to meet the parents who have been campaigning for their local nurseries.

It has been fantastic to see such passion about the excellent services for children and young people in our borough.

Like other councils, we are facing central government funding cuts, which in Tower Hamlets amount to £100 million.

It means we need to make difficult discussions with local people about where savings can be made.

The response to our consultation on nurseries was clear, and I was pleased to listen to the impassioned views of residents and keep the four nurseries in question open.

However, the challenge about how we spend our reduced budget in future years remains.

I will continue to work with the community to best protect our borough from the impact of government cuts and hope you will all continue to share your views and shape your borough.

You can also visit the 'Your borough, your voice' pages at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

I was delighted to learn this week that our borough has been awarded funding to support homeless people.

While homelessness is a



LUTFUR RAHMAN | MAYOR OF TOWER HAMLETS

year-round issue, it is particularly poignant to think of the vulnerable people affected as temperatures outside drop.

This money will help the council ensure they have somewhere warm to stay at night.

Finally, last week I had the pleasure of attending a Christmas reception for local community and faith leaders.

This time of year is for reflection and togetherness, and I was pleased to reinforce our borough's One Tower Hamlets ethos by meeting with representatives of so many community and faith groups.

I would like to take this opportunity to extend season's greetings to all of you. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I also wish a happy Hanukkah to our Jewish residents, who will celebrate the Festival of Lights on December 17.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman



Chrisp Street festivities

Chrispmas at Chrisp Street Market continues this Friday, December 19 from 11am-7pm, with an extended Bite street food festival, music and film screenings in charity shop Emmaus.

Kids got an exciting taste of Christmas as Santa and his elves came to town.

Sleigh bells ring... are you listening?

MORE than 200 children got a sneak peak of Father Christmas on Saturday, December 6, as social housing landlord Poplar HARCA transformed its offices into Santa's Grotto for the day.

Santa took over the reception at the East India Dock Road offices, where he was assisted by two elves.

He gave presents to each child and got the chance to check what was on everyone's Christmas list – and who has been naughty and nice

this year. Children made Christmas cards and wrote letters to Santa in the craft tent, many of which

Chana, aged 4, is all ears as an elf

were posted in the grotto post box, with cards handed to Father Christmas himself.

The Chrisp Street Idea Store ran storytelling sessions in a marquee outside and screened a singalong version of Disney's Frozen upstairs.

An ice sculpture added some drama to the front of the HARCA office and hot chocolate and crepes kept out the worst of the winter chill.



Budding artist Prasu, aged 6



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The Buttigieg family and Hilary from Idea Store



Mackenzie, aged 3, and his Nan



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Elves at Santa's grotto ensured a warm welcome for everyone

Families enjoy festive fun day

BISCUITS, handmade decorations and Father Christmas were just some of the attractions at a festive family day at Mile End Park on December 7.

More than 150 residents joined in the free yuletide fun

at Mile End Play Park in Locksley Street.

All the children who had promised they had been good boys and girls were given a gift by Santa and had a chance to make their own tree decorations and Christmas cards.



Two friends share a laugh



Oskar, 3, rolls out some dough with his mum



Children had a great time at the event

Extra cash to help the homeless

BY SAM GOUGH

THE council is set to receive £330,000 to lead projects to support vulnerable homeless people and rough sleepers.

Tower Hamlets, together with partner boroughs Hackney and the City of London, will use the funding to provide a rapid intensive housing options service to prevent individuals from rough sleeping. They will also provide a 'routes to roots' reconnection service for rough sleepers from other boroughs who end up here.

The existing Routes to Roots service was commissioned by the council and delivered by Providence Row, a charity that tackles the causes of homelessness. It aims to address one of the key challenges faced by many of the capital's hospitals: sourcing housing for homeless out-of-borough patients.

Patrick benefitted from Routes to Roots after he was treated at the Royal London in Whitechapel for chronic obstructive pulmonary disease.

The hospital put Patrick in touch with the service when they discovered he was homeless, and it set him up in temporary housing in Hackney, an area he knows well.

Speaking about the Providence Row support worker who helped him, Patrick said:

"Paulina came to the hospital to see me every couple of days – she's been my mentor ever since."

"She took all my details and helped me sort out somewhere to stay when I left the hospital."

The funding was announced last week by both the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), and the Greater London Authority (GLA). £250,000 comes from DCLG's Single Homeless Fund, which it is hoped will help 22,000 single homeless people.

An additional £80,000 from the GLA will help the three boroughs cut rough sleeping.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "This increased investment to support rough sleepers in the borough is extremely important. In the run-up to Christmas we must remember that there are vulnerable people out there in the freezing cold."

"This extra funding will help the council to do an even better job to support them, and ensure that they have somewhere warm to stay at night."

CLLR Rabina Khan, cabinet member for housing and development, said: "Our officers have been working incredibly hard to support rough sleepers in the borough for a long time."

"This extra funding will help them to continue their vital work to ensure that no one in this borough has to sleep on the streets at night."

Bond boosts air ambulance

ROUNDING off a year of anniversary celebrations, hundreds of guests visited Canary Wharf's East Wintergarden for London Air Ambulance's silver gala.

The event on December 4 featured a silent auction and the lot which generated the

greatest interest was the chance to be written as a named character in Anthony Horowitz's forthcoming James Bond novel.

Mr Horowitz later tweeted: "Be a character in a Bond novel" raised £30,000. Great to help this superb charity."



Timely reminder of drink-drive risks

The council is supporting Crimestoppers' annual campaign against drink-driving. Its hard-hitting posters are a stark reminder of the dangers of drink-driving and a warning to us all.

ANDY BAMBER, BELOW

Useful information

Campaigning against violence

News from Andy Bamber, head of the council's safer communities team

AT the end of November, the council, partners and police held a series of events to mark the international White Ribbon Campaign.

Every year the council supports the campaign, which is designed to raise awareness of violence against women and girls, specifically, and encourage residents to help condemn it.

The campaign launch event was held at Idea Store Whitechapel where many residents attended and pledged their support.

We are grateful to all those who attended and everyone who supported the campaign.

We extend our gratitude to the Idea Stores, which have now trained staff in domestic abuse awareness.

Some of their staff are now being trained further to offer residents extensive support should they need it.

The council continues to address historic under-reporting of domestic abuse – a national problem caused by a lack of confidence in the reporting system.

Gender-based violence was also the theme of a youth conference that took place in the borough last month.

The conference was a huge success – bringing young people and professionals who work with young people together to discuss how best to address violence and abuse.

Ahead of the conference, pupils from the Harpley Centre Pupil Referral Unit were tasked with designing a leaflet.

The leaflet, encouraging people that they don't have to stand for abuse, was launched by the pupils who designed it at the conference.

It was very well received by all those present. The leaflet

will now be printed and distributed by the council's community safety team.

A lot of the council's work focuses on helping victims affected by crime.

Some of those victims may struggle to go down the usual routes of reporting crime open to them so council staff are currently training people to deal sensitively with victims at the borough's third party reporting centres.

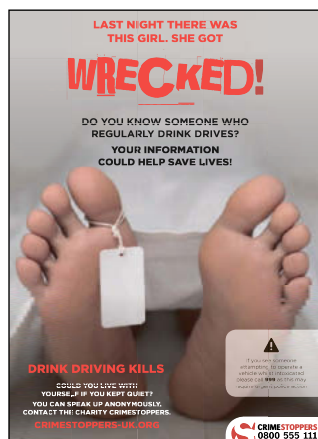
These centres are located within the community and are a place where you can report hate crime or domestic violence without having to visit a police station.

The report can be forwarded to the police or the council on behalf of victims, but only if the victim agrees.

As a local authority we must continue to support victims of crime as well as helping police with preventative measures in the first place.

The festive period is traditionally a time for celebration but it is also important that all residents remain vigilant against the threat of crime and anti-social behaviour.

To report a crime in an emergency call 999. In a non-emergency situation phone 101.



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Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

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ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.
Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.
Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.
Chapel, 139 Cannon Street:

Mon-Fri 9am-8pm,
Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.
Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.
Forward, 648 Mile End Road:

Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.
Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannaford Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.
Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.
Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat

9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor).

To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

Family Information Service (FIS)

The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 including helping parents and carers find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm. 30 Greatorex Street, E1. fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk 7364 6495

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group

Last Thurs of each month, 8pm. 31 Ridgale Street, E3. 8981 1159

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)

Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN). 30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9.30am-3.30pm. 7364 6489

LinkAge Plus

Toynbee Hall is one of five network centres that co-ordinates services and activities provided. Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group. Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1 7392 2914 www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Welfare advice

All the organisations listed below can help you with welfare benefits, housing and general debt problems.

Account 3

1-9 Birkbeck Street, E2. 7739 7720 www.account3.org.uk

Bangladesh Youth Movement

21-23 Henriques St, E1. 7488 1831/2

Bromley by Bow Centre

St Leonard's Street, E3. 8709 9737 www.bbbc.org.uk
Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB) 32 Greatorex Street, E1. 7247 1050 www.adviceguide.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379 www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre

University House, 104 Roman Road, E2.

8980 4205 www.legaladvicecentre.org.uk

Limehouse Project

Cheadle Hall, Cheadle House, Copenhagen Place, E14. 7538 0075 www.limehouseproject.org.uk

Praxis (New Residents Service)

Pott Street, E2. 7729 7985 www.praxis.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre

(specialist advice by appointment). Tower Hamlets Law Centre, Unit 1, St. Anne's Street, off 789-791 Commercial Road, E14. 7538 4909 www.thlc.co.uk

Debt advice

Toynbee Hall Advice Service

28 Commercial Street, E1. 7392 2953 advice@toynbeehall.org.uk www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Fair Money Advice

530 Commercial Road, E1. 7702 8032 www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre

Island House, Roserton Street Isle of Dogs, E14. 7987 9379 www.island-advice.org.uk

National Debt Line

0808 808 4000 www.nationaldebtline.co.uk



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Keeping healthy and fit over 50

Young@Heart offers a weekly programme of activities for the over-50s. The programme runs Monday to Friday from 10am to 1pm, with evening sessions from 5.30pm to 7.30pm.

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

All that jazz

Live music was provided by The Sunshine Kings, one of London's top jazz and swing bands.

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Getting down on the dance floor



Shirley Bristow and Bill Gellard



John Dodds and Rita Porter



Old-time dancing at the Arts Pavilion

Residents let their hair down as they rocked around the Christmas tree at three festive parties. **Shalina Hussain** reports. Photos by **Rehan Jamil** and **Kois Miah**.



Christmas cheer at the over-50s tea dance at Victoria Park's Hub building on December 3

Movers and shakers hit the dance floor

THERE was a surprise visit by Santa who handed out presents at the over-50s tea dance at Victoria Park's Hub building on December 3.

The Aberfeldy Line Dancers helped to get the party started.

The popular Christmas Tea Dance (pictured left and right), hosted by the Arts & Events team, was on December 10 at the Arts Pavilion, Mile End Park.

Residents got into the Christmas spirit and tripped the light fantastic with a merry and magical afternoon of old-time dancing.

Live music was provided by The Sunshine Kings, one of London's top jazz and swing bands, and their was seasonal refreshments and mince pies.

Dance leader Tony Lane demonstrated stylish steps on the dance floor including waltz, ballroom and Latin.

Mile End Park Leisure Centre hosted a yuletide

party for members of the

Young@Heart group on December 9 (pictured below left).

Young@Heart is a sports programme aimed at residents aged 50 plus to encourage them to stay active.

More than 60 people attended the party and took part in a range of activities including badminton, table tennis, water workout, body conditioning and party games.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said:

"Our residents had a ball at the tea dances and were able to get into the Christmas mood thanks to the beautiful decorations and entertainment."

Cllr Shafiqul Haque, cabinet member for culture, added: "The festive events have had good feedback and were well attended. I am pleased so many residents were able to come and have fun."



Joyce and Frank Whipp



Barbara Stevens and Tony Lane



Carol and Michael Zacsinsky



Live music by The Sunshine Kings

Numbers game

Pupils from Harry Roberts School, Stepney, did things with numbers to raise money for the NSPCC.

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Laughing gas crackdown

The selling of nitrous oxide balloons can attract organised gangs and drug dealers to an area and the selling of laughing gas without a street trader's licence is illegal.

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Renew your pass or you will lose out

RESIDENTS who have a disabled person's freedom pass which is due to expire on March 31, 2015 are being reminded to return their renewal forms.

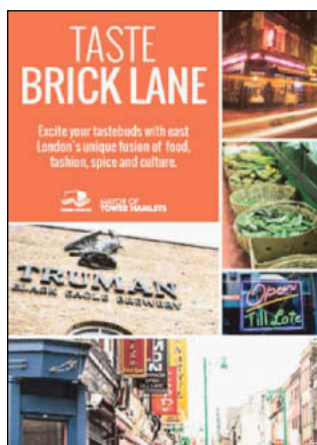
The council has sent out over 3,700 renewal application forms in the last few months to holder of the passes which expire at the end of March 2015.

The council's Parking and Services Mobility Team has only received back 65 per cent of the renewal forms.

If you wish your application to be considered, submit your application with accompanying evidence as soon as possible.

Applications not received by December 19, 2014 will mean cancellation of the pass from as early as January 1, 2015.

For more information call 7364 5003, email general.enquiries@towerhamlets.gov.uk or visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking



Make Christmas really spicy

FOOD lovers can spice up Christmas with a trip down Brick Lane.

They can take advantage of discounts and deals offered by restaurants as part of the council's Taste Brick Lane campaign promoting the famed street to visitors and tourists.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Brick Lane is the jewel in the crown of Tower Hamlets. As Christmas is all about eating, it's only right that people go down and enjoy the tastes from all across the world."

Visitors can get their hands on a free Taste Brick Lane Guide, which can be downloaded at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

It's nothing to laugh about

BY STEFAN SWIFT

A JOINT operation between the council and the police seized 1,250 nitrous oxide balloons in and around Brick Lane.

The exercise was part of a larger Met Police initiative known as Operation Equinox to help stop crime.

This part of the operation saw a crackdown on illegal street trading of balloons containing laughing gas.

Inhaling the gas has become

a popular recreational activity amongst approximately half a million young people across the UK but it is not yet an illegal offence.

However the Local Government Association that represents councils nationwide has issued a warning regarding its dangerous effects.

Nitrous oxide can cause dizziness or affect your judgement, which might make users act carelessly or dangerously.

Other risks include unconsciousness or even death from

lack of oxygen and prolonged use can lead to anaemia, difficulty walking and pains in nerves and joints.

The selling of nitrous oxide balloons can attract organised gangs and drug dealers to an area. The selling of laughing gas without a street trader's licence is illegal.

Operation Equinox led to eight prosecutions for unlicensed street trading of the balloons.

In total officers seized 1,250 balloons and 900 miniature

nitrous oxide canisters, used to insert the balloons with laughing gas.

The operation also led to THEOs and police officers bearing down on a number of crime and anti-social behaviour offences.

These included arrests for possession of drugs and the administering of fines for various offences.

Cllr Ohid Ahmed, cabinet member for community safety, added: "Operation Equinox is another example of how highly

effective THEOs and police working together can be.

"While consumption of nitrous oxide is not illegal, we take the health warnings about it very seriously."

Acting Inspector Colin Reed said: "Inhaling the gas after consuming alcohol has added dangers, and the canisters left discarded on the street are hazardous and unsightly."

"With such success we will be back working with the council to tackle this issue again in the very near future."

PUPILS At Harry Roberts Nursery School in Stepney wore clothes with numbers on them as part of a fundraising day for children's charity NSPCC.

Number Day, on Friday, December 5, aimed to make maths meaningful and fun while raising money for children who need the charity's help.

Activities included counting Christmas baubles, hopscotch in the playground and number games on the computer.

Pupils also worked with artists from Bow Arts to create number pouches. Headteacher Alexandra Law said the pupils raised more than £100 on the day.



Pupils display their number gel packs



Volunteers arrive with goodies for residents

The spirit of Christmas

THE spirit of Christmas giving was in the air when seven volunteers from Canary Wharf Group dropped in at the Sundial Centre in Bethnal Green on December 4.

The volunteers handed out 60 bags of essential cupboard staples and Christmas gifts to elderly centre users before sitting down for a chat and a cup of tea.

Melanie Goldstein, from Canary Wharf Group, said: "It was great to see everyone working together for such a worthy

cause and wonderful to be able to distribute the food.

"It was nice spending time at the centre, hearing the wonderful stories and memories the service users were happy to share with us; some remembered us from last year's visit."

The event was just one of the deliveries organised by Isle of Dogs charity East End Community Foundation as part of its annual Christmas food bags appeal.

So far, thanks to local businesses and the public, more than

£3,400 has been raised. In addition, more than 400 bags of goodies have been delivered to vulnerable residents in nursing homes and day care centres across Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Newham.

If you would like to help, £15 is enough to cover the cost of purchasing, packing and distributing a bag of essentials, including tinned soup and vegetables and a sweet Christmas treat.

Visit www.eastendcf.org for more information or to donate online.



Play an instrument? Join THAMES!

THAMES Saturday Music Centre is open for pupils living or studying in Tower Hamlets aged seven to 18 years old who already take instrumental/vocal lessons.

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Musical borough

More than 14,500 Tower Hamlets pupils are learning instruments and over 120 teachers work for THAMES.

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Grace, aged 9, and friends warm up for the concert



Tobi, aged 10, and friends were part of the string ensemble



The THAMES Community Choir

Raising the rafters at winter concert

BY STEFAN SWIFT

THE Tower Hamlets Arts and Music Education Service (THAMES) held its Saturday Music Centre Winter Concert on December 6.

The service, run by the council, showcased a selection of the work that has gone on at the Saturday centre throughout the autumn term.

The concert opened with the Tower Hamlets Wind Band and special guests the East London Community Band, who performed Baby It's Cold Outside.

Other ensembles included the Community Choir, Concert Orchestra and Senior String Orchestra.

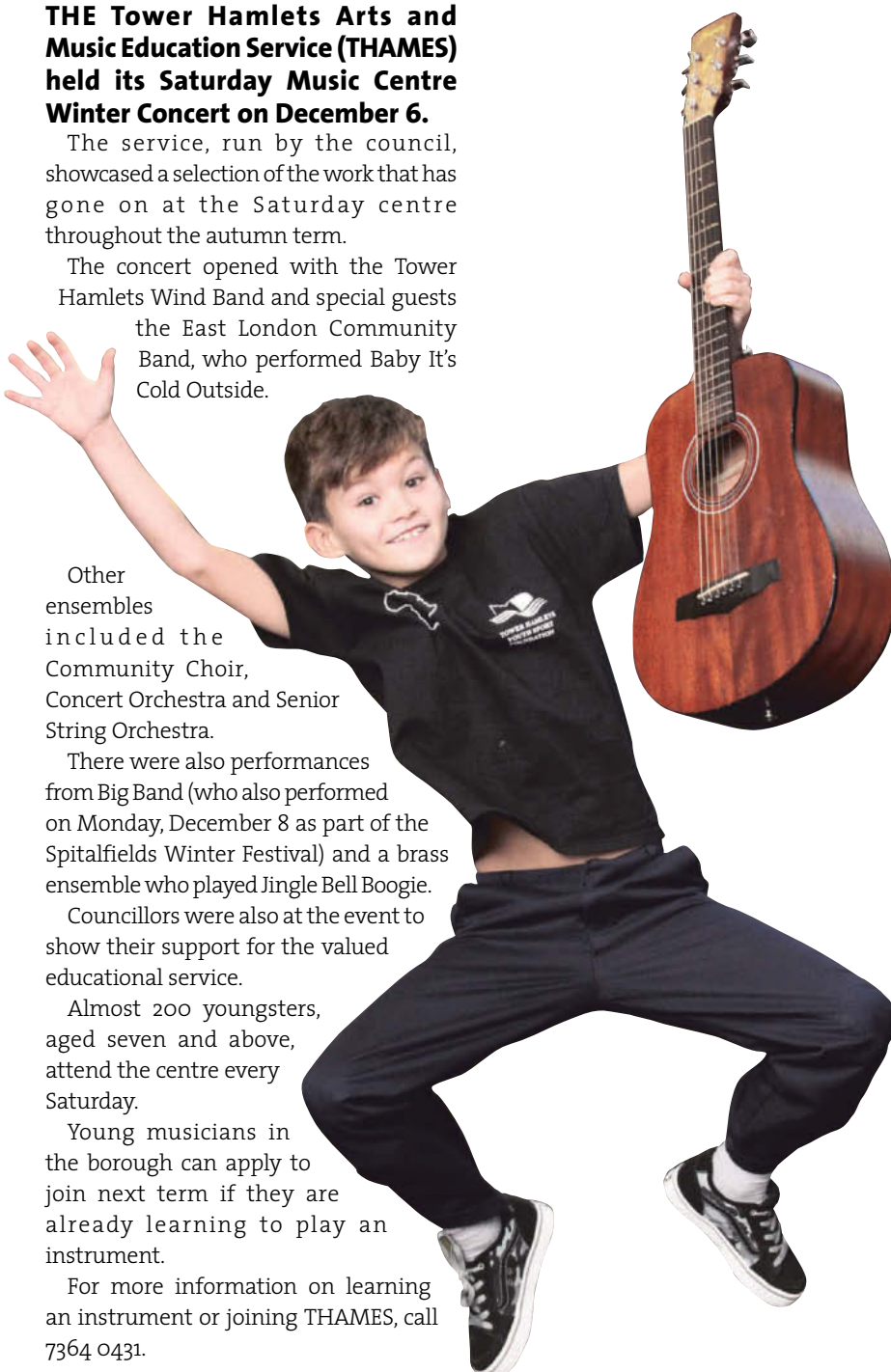
There were also performances from Big Band (who also performed on Monday, December 8 as part of the Spitalfields Winter Festival) and a brass ensemble who played Jingle Bell Boogie.

Councillors were also at the event to show their support for the valued educational service.

Almost 200 youngsters, aged seven and above, attend the centre every Saturday.

Young musicians in the borough can apply to join next term if they are already learning to play an instrument.

For more information on learning an instrument or joining THAMES, call 7364 0431.



(Left) Guitarist Jimi, aged 9

(Right) Young musicians performing at the winter concert





TOWER HAMLETS ONE STOP SHOP SERVICE CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR OPENING HOURS DECEMBER 2014/JANUARY 2015

The Tower Hamlets One Stop Shop Service's opening hours over the Christmas and New Year holiday are as follows:

Date	Bethnal Green 1 Rushmead Bethnal Green London E2 6NE	Stepney & Wapping Idea Store Watney Market 260 Commercial Road London E1 2FB	South Poplar 15 Market Square Chrisp Street London E14 6AQ	Bow & North Poplar John Onslow House 1 Ewart Place London E3 5EQ
Monday 22 December 2014	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm
Tuesday 23 December 2014	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm
Wednesday 24 December 2014	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 1pm	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm
Thursday 25 December 2014	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday 26 December 2014	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Saturday 27 December 2014	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Sunday 28 December 2014	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Monday 29 December 2014	9am - 4.30pm	Closed	9am - 4.30pm	Closed
Tuesday 30 December 2014	9am - 4.30pm	Closed	9am - 4.30pm	Closed
Wednesday 31 December 2014	9am - 4.30pm	Closed	9am - 4.30pm	Closed
Thursday 1 January 2015	Closed	Closed	Closed	Closed
Friday 2 January 2015	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm	9am - 4.30pm
Saturday 3 January 2015	9am - 12.30pm	9am - 12.30pm	Closed	Closed

Telephone: please note that our Customer Contact Centre will also be closed from **Thursday 25 December 2014 to Thursday 1 January 2015 inclusive**. For emergencies which may cause damage to persons or property customers can call the **Out of Hours Service on 020 7364 7070**.

Website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/onestopshop

*We wish all our customers a happy festive season and
a peaceful holiday.*



Taking on a deadly disease

Onor Crummay (left) has taken up a role with a meningitis charity after she had the disease, which causes inflammation of the membranes around the brain and spinal cord.

WWW.MENINGITISNOW.ORG

Enduring partnership

City law firm Travers Smith has worked with Bangabandhu School since 2010, on programmes including reading.

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Schools news



A GROUP of students in years seven and nine at Bishop Challoner School in Stepney practised their French conversational skills on a visit to a Christmas market in Lille.

Teachers Ms McQuade, head of French, and Ms Campbell, head of year seven, organised the trip

for more than 100 girls at the school.

Ms Campbell said: "Our girls were a credit to the school and came back with lots of presents for friends and family. They enjoyed having the chance to use the French they had learned in the classroom and had a marvellous day."

Megan, a pupil in year seven, said: "I loved France, it was the first time I had ever been abroad and I loved listening to all of the French people speaking. It helped me increase my vocabulary and I loved that, when I bought something, the money was in Euros."

Pupils vote for Wild Boy

CHILDREN in the borough have voted for their favourite new book, as part of this year's Tower Hamlets Book Awards.

Wild Boy by Rob Lloyd Jones was named best book for 10- to 13-year-olds at the awards finale held in Swanlea School library.

Twenty-six schools, both primary and secondary, attended the event at the end of November, and eight schools performed a presentation about their favourite book.

Guardian Angels Primary took the prize for their interpretation of My Friend the Enemy by Dan Smith.

Six further prizes were awarded in a competition, where children designed bookmarks.

Winners were Amathullah Siddiqah (Marion Richardson), Heeba Tahsin (William Davis), Kelly Smith (St John's), Samuel Lutukai (St Paul's), Yasmin Tuala (Blue Gate Fields) and Zara Qaisar Sandhu (Swanlea).

The winning designs will be printed and circulated to schools.

Young dragons impress judges with their heads for business

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

PUPILS from Bangabandhu Primary School in Bethnal Green pitched their business ideas to a panel of judges at a City law firm.

The year six pupils gave the Dragon's Den style presentation to staff at Travers Smith.

The presentation, on December 1, came at the end of a financial awareness and employability course run by the Tower Hamlets Education



The winning team with the judges

Business Partnership. The children and Travers Smith volunteers worked together

profit and loss, credit and debit and enterprise.

The enterprise element involved designing a range of cards to sell at the school's Christmas fair.

In preparation, pupils pitched concepts for their cards, together with ideas for a company name and logo, product pricing and marketing to judges Richard Offord, Christopher Clarke, Alex White and Alex Edminston.

The judges said: "We thought the standard was really high.

"It's not easy to stand up in front of an audience and speak. The team work also was really impressive."

The winners were team MAIKAZ (comprising the initials of the team members' names) – Abdur Rahman, Adnan Rahman, Mahima Ahmed, Khadija Miah and Ijazur Rahman.

Mr Offord said: "They had a really professional style and it was the most structured presentation. They also asked for questions at the end – plus they had a unique name."

Teacher continues fight against meningitis

A HISTORY teacher from Bishop Challoner School in Stepney has taken a prestigious voluntary role with a national meningitis charity after her own experience of the disease.

Onor Crummay, 25, will work with Meningitis Now to help fund research, raise awareness and support others who have suffered from the disease.

Onor contracted bacterial meningitis and septicaemia in November 2008 when she was in her first term at Bristol University.

She said: "I fell ill suddenly and spent a week in hospital before returning home to recuperate.

"I tried to return to university, but found I could not cope with the studying. I was also very emotional, I felt

physically drained and my memory felt very foggy.

"Following an MRI scan, I discovered I had temporary brain impairment so I was forced to leave university.

"I returned to university in 2009, became a history graduate in 2012 and I am now a teacher. I have supported Meningitis Now ever since my illness.

"I know only too well how cruel this

disease can be and I don't want other families to go through what we have. It's vital everybody recognises the signs and symptoms and knows what action to take if they suspect meningitis."

Onor, who plans to run next year's London Marathon for the charity, has shared her story on a website she's created at <http://meningitismarathon.wix.com/meningitismarathon>

Get behind Barnett song

A PRIMARY school in Whitechapel has reached the finals of a national competition and needs your vote to help it win.

Canon Barnett produced a song and dance for the anti-cyberbullying schools' song competition run by Internet Matters, a not-for-profit organisation which helps parents keep their children safe online.

Young people were encouraged to think about cyberbullying and respecting others through song, rap or verse.

Canon Barnett's song urges children to think about the comments they post online and to be considerate of other people's emotions.

It also tackles safeguarding by informing children to report social networking misuse.

You can watch the video and show your support for the school at www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ukb38NqRizc

Design services

FabricWorks provides services such as hand embroidery, specialist design projects and product runs.

WWW.FABRICWORKSLONDON.ORG



Educating through the arts

Stitches in Time has worked in Tower Hamlets for more than 20 years, running projects focused on education, healthy living and community cohesion, through arts and learning programmes.

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When scandalous accounts emerged of clothing manufacturers using sweatshops abroad to produce low cost fashion, many UK-based companies decided to source work in a more ethical way. **Jessica Odubayo** visits the local community project which is stitching its way to success. Photos by **Kois Miah**.



(left) Hasna Begum and Shaheda Parvin with some of the dolls they have created

(right) Sureya busy stitching one of the bags



At a time when ethical fashion has become something of a hot topic, an unlikely community project is going from strength to strength.

It has not only been commissioned to work for a range of high profile clients, but has created training and employment prospects and a social network for isolated women.

The likes of Miss Crofton lingerie, the Tower of London and the Winterville pantomime have used the sewing skills of women at FabricWorks, the training, production and social enterprise arm of charity Stitches in Time.

The group has worked in Tower Hamlets for more than 20 years and runs projects focused on education, healthy living and community cohesion, through arts and learning programmes.

At its enterprise hub in Limehouse, women were busy making costumes for a pantomime production and creating handmade bags, dolls and other items for sale at community events this winter.

Fatheha Hussain is part of the FabricWorks production team. The Limehouse resident first came into contact with Stitches in Time when she enrolled on an English language course run by the project.

Fatheha said she had always been interested in sewing and wanted to learn how to make garments.

The wife and mother of two teenagers learnt how to make dresses, bags and hangings and is now self-employed, producing clothing for the FabricWorks team.

"I am working for the first time in my life," she said. "I am so proud that I can earn money, enjoy having an income and support my family."

Women's project where life is sew, sew good



Fatheha Hussain prepares another garment for stitching

"I also teach garment making and I am happy working with FabricWorks because everyone is supportive and friendly."

Paul Garayo, director of projects and partnerships, said Stitches in Time has worked with more than 1,000 participants in the

last year, helping to build confidence among local women who have progressed through English and sewing classes.

And many of the women have expressed an interest in developing their own fabric-focused business ideas with the



Some of the ladies preparing more items for stitching



aim of employment, but need support.

"There are people with amazing sewing skills in the borough and now our enterprise is providing real opportunities for women who have faced barriers to employment," he said.

Katie Adkins, project manager and community outreach worker, said Fatheha's story demonstrates how women have tapped into such opportunities and become economically self-sufficient.

"Tower Hamlets has a mixture of artists and designers who can commission us, meet members of our team and oversee their work," Katie said.



Making Christmas happen

“By helping to make Christmas happen for homeless people, volunteers can set them up with the chance to have a more positive year ahead through our Crisis Skylight centres.”

JON SPARKES, CHIEF EXECUTIVE, CRISIS

Home delivery

Tower Hamlets Council has delivered more than 3,000 new affordable homes in the last few years.

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Stub it out away from school gates

THE winner of a no smoking sign design project will now see his sign being displayed at primary school gates across the borough.

The signs will encourage parents not to smoke near the school gates at all times.

Signs will be put up at all 70 primary schools, with 30 schools already displaying them.

The design competition was open to years 5 and 6 to create a unique sign which would discourage people from smoking around school gates.

As part of the project, children were taught about health problems caused by smoking, including passive smoking and the ill-health effects of tobacco.

Evidence shows that children can be influenced to take up smoking when they witness parents and adults smoking.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: “This project was a great way to encourage young people’s involvement and raise awareness about the impact of smoking.

“All the children who took part have contributed to making their school a healthier place.”

Cllr Abdul Asad, lead member for health and adult services said: “The sign is a reminder for parents to think twice about smoking in front of children.”

The winning design was by Shakil Muhammed Hussain, who was in year 6 at Cayley Primary School.



Alice, aged 6, from Our Lady and St Joseph’s Primary School, with a no smoking poster

More cash for regeneration

BY SAM GOUGH

TWO estates in Tower Hamlets are in line to receive increased investment to speed up the delivery of new housing for the borough.

On Tuesday, December 2, the government shortlisted funding for two ongoing regeneration schemes in the borough. They are:

■ Blackwall Reach, a partnership with the Greater London

Authority (GLA), which will deliver 1,575 new homes.

■ The regeneration of the New Union Wharf estate, which will see 189 homes on the 1970s built estate replaced with 399 modern, energy-efficient homes.

Both housing regeneration schemes are currently in progress.

The increased investment in Blackwall Reach would help the council, the GLA and developer Swan Housing Association to deliver these homes sooner

to meet the demands of housing in the borough.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: “We are committed to responding to the needs of our residents to build affordable, safe, energy-efficient and liveable homes in our borough.

“The government’s recognition that we are doing a good job is welcomed, and we will continue to strive to make Tower Hamlets an even greater place to live.”

Cllr Rabina Khan, cabinet

member for housing and development, said: “This money will help us to respond to the needs of our residents, and hopefully to deliver these homes even sooner.”

Swan Housing Association has bid £50 million for the Blackwall Reach programme, and the East Thames Group has bid £11.3 million for the New Union Wharf estate.

Final amounts to be loaned to the two estates are still subject to final contract negotiations

and may change. Tower Hamlets has delivered more than 3,000 new affordable homes in the last few years.

Blackwall Reach and the New Union Wharf are just two of a number of big regeneration projects currently taking place in Tower Hamlets, as well as the London Dock scheme on the old News International site, and Whitechapel Vision, a plan to regenerate the area, which was recently commended at the national Planning Awards.

Homeless charity appeals for night-time volunteers to share a little warmth

A NATIONAL homeless-charity in Spitalfields has made an urgent appeal for volunteers who can work nightshifts at centres in London this month.

Crisis at Christmas 2014 runs from December 23-30, with ten centres set to open across the capital.

As well as warmth, hot meals

and companionship, guests will also receive healthcare and specialist advice on housing, work and benefits.

Nightshift volunteers help overnight in the four residential centres, making sure guests get a good night’s sleep and helping to set up the centres for the following day.

Long-term night owl Claudia-Jessie Peyton said: “My first

year volunteering I didn’t really know which shift to pick so I tried all three and I haven’t looked back since.

“Many guests don’t sleep more than three hours at a time, but at such a lonely hour there are smiling faces in every corner of the shelter that you can have the most fantastic conversations with.”

www.crisis.org.uk/volunteer



HUNDREDS of runners dressed as Santa Claus spread Christmas cheer when they dashed around the streets of east London and the City to raise funds for the children’s charity, Brainwave. The charity 5km fun run started and finished at Spitalfields Market.

News in brief

New family court at Canary Wharf

A NEW family court has been opened in Tower Hamlets.

East London Family Court, in Canary Wharf, is a 12 courtroom centre that will deal with family work, including divorce, child contact, adoption and local authority child protection cases.

It has been specially designed and equipped to support video-linked hearings in four of the courts for the benefit of vulnerable witnesses.

The court was opened by Sir James Munby, president of the Family Division, and family justice minister Simon Hughes.

“East London Family Court will help transform the way court cases involving children are dealt with,” Mr Hughes said.

“The new streamlined system will make sure cases can be dealt with as quickly as possible and vulnerable children are better protected.

“This court is yet another part of the process to create a family justice system with children and young people firmly at its heart.”

East London Family Court will take work from Tower Hamlets and 11 other London boroughs.

Borough team are in the money

A TEAM of 16- to 24-year-olds from Tower Hamlets have secured a grant to run a project to develop money management skills in their community.

To receive the funding the team, called Moneywise Ambassadors, submitted a strategy for their project, which includes running a workshop for young people to inform them about handling money in an engaging and fun environment, while giving attendees an opportunity to express their opinion.

The £500 award is from the Money for Life Challenge, a national competition run by Lloyds Banking Group in partnership with the National Skills Academy for Financial Services.

Visit www.moneyforlifechallenge.org.uk

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News

Language scholar prints first ever Sylheti Bible

A LANGUAGE scholar from Tower Hamlets has helped make publishing history by helping to produce the New Testament in the Sylheti language for the first time.

The first copies of the publication, entitled Pobitro Injil Shorif Siloti Torjoma, have been printed in time for Christmas in Bangladesh. A small number are available at bookshops in the borough.

While the edition uses the Bengali alphabet, a second edition using Sylhet's classical 'Nagri' alphabet has been prepared and is ready for printing.

Language scholar James Lloyd-Williams worked on the publication with scholars in Bangladesh.

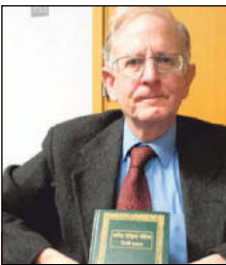
James was interviewed just before flying off to Bangladesh to attend the launch where the Mayor of Sylhet was guest of honour.

He said: "Having lived in Tower Hamlets since 1975 and visited Sylhet often, I have come to love the Sylheti people and their language and heritage."

"I am delighted that this is now ready after seven years of careful and dedicated work by some of my friends in Sylhet, both Muslim and Christian."

The Bible is available at Peace Books, Fashion Street, Spitalfields and Books for Life, 305 Cambridge Heath Road, Bethnal Green.

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Seven years' work pays off

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JAMES LLOYD-WILLIAMS, LEFT

Christmas mapped out



The map of the parish of St Dunstan's & Stepney

BY HELEN WATSON
THERE'S still time to grab a historical bargain for Christmas at Tower Hamlets Local History Library and Archives.

The library has a range of reproductions of old maps, books and pamphlets for anyone interested in East End history.

The earliest map dates from 1703 and shows the parish of Stepney, which extended to nearly all of present-day Tower Hamlets. The maps are priced from £1.95 to £4.

The library is also selling its 2015 Isle of Dogs history calendar.

In addition, the archive holds a large variety of books and

pamphlets on East End history available to buy, including some rare and out-of-print titles.

The library can be found at 277 Bancroft Road, between Mile End Hospital and the Queen Mary university campus.

The building has been revamped and is ideal for anyone wanting to find out about their family history or local area.

It is open on Tuesdays from 10am-5pm, Wednesdays from 9am-5pm and Thursdays from 9am-8pm.

It will also be open on Saturday, December 20 from 9am-5pm.

For more details of available publications visit www.idea-store.co.uk/local-history-shop-publications-for-sale



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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 2014/2015

Over the Bank Holiday period there **will be changes** to your normal refuse, recycling and food and garden waste collection arrangements. Your waste, recycling, food and garden waste collections will be affected.

NORMAL COLLECTION DAY	REVISED COLLECTION DAY:
Monday 22nd December 2014	Normal collections
Tuesday 23rd December 2014	Normal collections
Wednesday 24th December 2014	Normal collections
Thursday 25th December 2014	Saturday 27th December 2014
Friday 26th December 2014	Sunday 28th December 2014
Monday 29th December 2014	Normal collections
Tuesday 30th December 2014	Normal collections
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Thursday 1st January 2015	Friday 2nd January 2015
Friday 2nd January 2015	Saturday 3rd January 2015

NORMAL SERVICES WILL RESUME FROM MONDAY 5th JANUARY 2015.

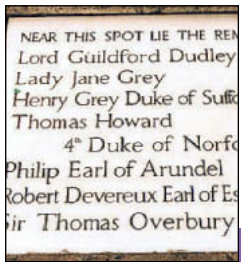
Please ensure your waste and recycling (including food and garden waste) is available for collection before 7.00am on your scheduled collection day.

There will be a collection service for the recycling of real Christmas trees for the weeks from Monday 5th January 2015 until Friday 23rd January 2015.

If you currently receive a kerbside food and garden waste collection please remove any decorations from the tree and leave out for collection on your scheduled day during this period. If you do not have kerbside services please contact your property landlord or management company who can arrange collections from the nominated communal collection points.



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Witness to bloodshed

The corpses of three queens of England – Ann Boleyn, Catherine Howard and Lady Jane Grey – are buried beneath the church which has witnessed more than its share of bloodshed.

SEE BELOW

Got a story to tell?

If you have a tale about East End history, write to John Rennie or email him at johnrennie@gmail.com

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History

BY JOHN RENNIE

AS a cold Christmas morning breaks over the East End, the congregation will be gathering at one of the most remarkable churches in England – a Chapel Royal, a Royal Peculiar and one bearing the unwieldy sobriquet of St Peter ad Vincula and St John the Evangelist.

But perhaps the most unusual thing about this little place of worship is that it predates the Tower of London and operated as a 'normal' parish church – even as our most celebrated castle was built around it.

That curious name first. It's a surprisingly common one in fact, with at least 19 'St Peter Ad Vinculae' in England and Wales, mostly peppered around the southern counties and the Midlands.

There are dozens more assorted 'St Pierre-aux-Liens' and 'San Pietro in Vincoli' scattered around Germany, France, Italy and the Czech Republic.

The name comes from the Biblical story of St Peter being thrown in prison by King Herod.

The night before his trial an angel appears to the saint, tells him to leave, and Peter's chains fall off, after which he follows the angel out of prison. It's a heartening story of divine intervention and resurrection (though it should be noted that Herod subsequently has Peter's unfortunate gaolers put to the sword for sleeping on the job). St John, of course, is one of Peter's fellow apostles.

And the little church has been witness to more than its share of bloodshed down the centuries. For beneath its flagged pavement lie the headless corpses of three queens of England – Anne Boleyn, Catherine Howard and Lady Jane Grey – while two saints of the Roman Catholic Church, John Fisher and Sir Thomas More are buried here.

Plaques at the site mark the deaths of the many more who fell foul of a succession of English kings and lost their heads at Tower Green, just outside.

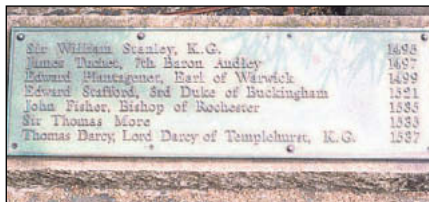
Yet, home to the mighty though it is, St Peter's doesn't share the fame or grandeur of some of London's places of worship. That great Victorian historian of the English, Thomas Babington Macaulay, wrote movingly of St Peter's, and how the little church had been witness to so many of the highest, laid low.

"There is no sadder spot on the earth than that little cemetery. Death is there associated, not, as in Westminster Abbey and Saint Paul's, with genius and virtue, with public veneration and with imperishable renown; not, as in our humblest churches and churchyards, with everything that is most endearing in social and domestic charities; but with whatever is darkest in human nature and in human destiny, with the

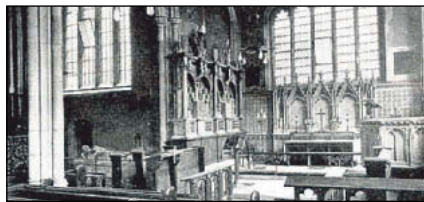
Church unveils the secret of headless royal corpses



St Peter ad Vincula at the Tower of London



Site of execution, Tower Hill



The inside of the chapel

savage triumph of implacable enemies, with the inconstancy, the ingratitude, the cowardice of friends, with all the miseries of fallen greatness and of blighted fame.

"Thither have been carried, through successive ages, by the rude hands of gaolers, without one mourner following, the bleeding relics of men who had been the captains of armies, the leaders of parties, the oracles of senates, and the ornaments of courts."

Beautifully put, though the origins were very different. The chapel was built in Norman times, even before the earliest parts of what became known as the Tower of London.

As William the Conqueror constructed his White Tower on a rise overlooking the river (a symbol to scare the locals into submission as much as a working, fighting castle), St Peter's was already standing as a parish church to the north-west – outside the fortress walls.

But as has oft been noted, Her Majesty's Royal Palace and Fortress is more the 'towers of London' than the Tower, a motley collection of castles and outbuildings contained within a brace of curtain walls.

And in the piecemeal expansion of the Tower by Henry III, during the 13th centu-

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ry, the chapel found itself enclosed within the walls of the larger castle. It would be rebuilt during the reign of Edward I, and Henry VIII would knock it into its present form a couple of hundred years after that.

Hence the chapel's peculiar status as an 'extra-parochial' Royal Peculiar (or Royal Peculier), a parish or church exempt from the jurisdiction of the diocese in which it lies and subject to the direct jurisdiction of the monarch.

And being in the grounds of a Royal Palace, the church also became a Chapel Royal ("an ecclesiastical body of clergy,

singers, and vestry officers appointed to serve the spiritual needs of the country's reigning sovereign").

But most peculiar of all is the roll call of famous bodies buried in its grounds. That's courtesy of the church's proximity to Tower Green, where for centuries unfortunate clergymen, queens, politicians, noblemen and assorted 'traitors' lost their heads. Look at a map of the Tower and you'll see the 'block' lies right in front of the chapel.

Others were simply brought back here to be interred – a tablet on the west wall of the chapel lists 34 'remarkable persons' buried in the chapel in the period 1534-1747. And a variety of monuments and plaques commemorate the officers and residents of the Tower who worshipped here down the centuries.

The stewardship of the church was similarly idiosyncratic. From 1449, a Dean and two Canons were attached to St Peter, but the Canonry was abolished in the reign of James II in 1685.

Then in 2012, the Queen signed a Royal warrant and the Canonry was reinstated. The new chaplain was 'intitulated' by the Bishop of London in a service at the Tower on Maundy Thursday, rejoicing under the title of Canon of the Chapels Royal within the Tower of London.

So while nearly three million people flock to see the Tower's headline attractions each year (and the Crown Jewels, the Armoury and the Beefeaters are all very impressive), there is a gem of an attraction that many visitors pass by.

You can see St Peter's on the daily Yeoman Warder tours, or wander around the chapel yourself during the last hour of normal opening hours.

But of course, the curiously named chapel is still a working parish church, ministering to its congregation of employees of the Tower.

There is a service of Nine Lessons and Carols; Carols round the Crib on Christmas Eve; a Midnight Mass; and a family service on Christmas Day. So, over Christmas, why not join the congregation at St Peter's*. You'll be in exalted company.

References

List of graves at the church: tinyurl.com/k9a77xh

Christmas services: tinyurl.com/pwongwl

*For information on access and permission to attend services at the chapel, see tinyurl.com/mogwdo3

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গৃহহীনদের সাহায্যার্থে ৩৩০ হাজার পাউন্ডের তহবিল লাভ

ফুটপাতে রাষ্ট্রীয়াপনকারী অসহায় গৃহহীন লোকজনদের সহায়তা করার জন্য তিনটি বারায় বাস্তবায়নাধীন একটি প্রজেক্টে নেতৃত্ব দানকারী টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল ৩ লাখ ৩০ হাজার পাউন্ডের অনুদান লাভ করেছে। ডিসিএলজি এবং জিএলএ গত ৯ ডিসেম্বর এই অনুদানের কথা ঘোষণা করে। বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নীচে -

COUNCIL AWARDED FUNDING FOR PROJECTS ON ROUGH SLEEPING

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Soo jeedimihii beekhaaminta

Your feedback on savings proposals – issue 1039

OLOLIHII la tashiga ee ahaa codkiinu waa codka gobolka ee ku waajahnaa in dadweynaha la siiyo fursad ay kaga baaraandegaan soo jeedimo door ah oo kawnsulku carrabbaabay.

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yahay, daraasado danbe, oo kale.

Meeyar Lutfur Rahman, ayaa ydhi: “Garocayadii ay dawladda dhexe ku samaysay dhaqaalaha, go’aamo adag in aanu qaadno ayay keliftey, kuwaas oo lagu kal saarayo mudnaanaha baahiyaha gobolka.

“Wadnaha hawlahayagu waa dadweynaha, talooyinkii ay soo jeediyeena waanu tixgeliney. Waanu sii wadi doonaa in in ay qayb ka qaataan go’aamadayada dadweynuhu.”

Weerkshob sii anba qaadaya dhaqaalaha kawnsulka iyo kala mudnaanta, ayaa la qabanayaa 11 Disembar.

Waxaa lagu qabanayaa Xarunta Horumarinta Broffishinaliska ee 229 Bethnal Green Road. Janaayana waxaa la qaban doonaa week shobka kala mudnaanta baahiyaha caafimaadka.

Faahfaahin dheeraad ah email shanara.matin@towerhamlets.gov.uk amma wac 7364 4548.



Children had a great time at the event

Festive Family Day at Mile End Park – pages 6 & 7

ক্রিসমাস উপলক্ষে গত ৭ ডিসেম্বর মাইল এন্ড পার্কে অনুষ্ঠিত ফেস্টিভ ফ্যামিলি ডে অনুষ্ঠানে দেড় শতাধিক বাসিন্দা অংশ নেন। মুখরোচক কুকিজ বিস্কুট, হাতে তৈরী সাজ সজ্জা সামগ্রী আর ফাদার ক্রিসমাসের উপস্থিতি মাতিয়ে রাখে সব বয়সীদেরকে। অনুষ্ঠানে উপস্থিত সকল শিশু ভালো ছেলে ও ভালো মেয়ে হওয়ার পুরস্কার পায় সান্তার কাছ থেকে। সবাই মিলে ক্রিসমাস ট্রি সাজানোর ও কার্ড তৈরীর কাজেও অংশ নেয়।

গৃহহীনদের জন্য আবাসনের ব্যবস্থা করতে ৩ লাখ ৩০ হাজার পাউন্ডের তহবিল পেলো কাউন্সিল

Council cash for projects on rough sleeping – see page 7

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ডিপার্টমেন্ট ফর কমিউনিটিজ এন্ড লকাল গভর্নমেন্ট (ডিসিএলজি) এবং দ্যা গ্রেটার লন্ডন অথরিটি (জিএলএ) গত ৯ ডিসেম্বর এই অনুদানের কথা ঘোষণা করে। ডিসিএলজি এর সিঙ্গেল হোমলেস ফান্ড থেকে পাওয়া যাচ্ছে ২৫০ হাজার পাউন্ড, যা দিয়ে প্রায় ২২ হাজার গৃহহীন মানুষকে সাহায্য করা যাবে বলে আশা করা হচ্ছে। আর তিন বারায় রাস্তায় ঘুমাতে বাধ্য হওয়া লোকদের সাহায্য করতে জিএলএ এর কাছ থেকে পাওয়া যাচ্ছে আরো ৮০ হাজার পাউন্ড।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্, হ্যাকনি ও সিটি অব লন্ডন এর যৌথ প্রজেক্টের আওতায় যে কাজগুলো করা হবে, তা হলো - ফুটপাতে ঘুমাতে বাধ্য হওয়া লোকজনকে দ্রুত আবাসনের ব্যবস্থা করা, যারা অন্য বারা থেকে এসে এই তিন বারায় ফুটপাতে রাত কাটাতে বাধ্য হন, তাদেরকে দ্রুত তাদের নিজ বারায় ফিরিয়ে নিয়ে যাওয়া এবং ফুটপাতে নিয়মিত রাষ্ট্রীয়াপনকারীদের নিয়ে গবেষণা করে তাদের বৈশিষ্ট্য ও কারণ বের করে সেই অনুযায়ী কার্যকর পদক্ষেপ গ্রহণ করা।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ বারায় ‘রুটস্ টু রুটস্’ প্রজেক্ট এর পাশাপাশি ফুটপাতে রাত কাটানো লোকজনকে সহায়তা দিতে কাউন্সিল কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। একজনও যাতে রাস্তায় ঘুমাতে বাধ্য না

হয়, তা নিশ্চিত করার উচ্চাভিলাষি প্রকল্প বাস্তবায়নে নতুন এই তহবিল কাউন্সিলকে অনেক সাহায্য করবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে রুটস্ টু রুটস্ সার্ভিস প্রদান করছে গৃহহীনতার কারণ মোকাবেলায় কর্মরত দাতব্য সংস্থা প্রোভিডেন্স রো। বারার বাইরে থেকে আসা রোগীদের চিকিৎসা-উত্তর আবাসন করার নিয়ে রাজধানীর হাসপাতালগুলো যে সকল চ্যালেঞ্জ মোকাবেলা করছে, তা নিরসন করাই এই সার্ভিসের মূল লক্ষ্য।

রুটস্ টু রুটস্ সার্ভিস থেকে উপকৃত হয়েছেন এমন একজন হচ্ছেন প্যাট্রিক, যিনি হোয়াইটচ্যাপেলের রয়েল লন্ডন হাসপাতালে দীর্ঘমেয়াদী চিকিৎসা গ্রহণ করেন। হাসপাতাল কর্তৃপক্ষ যখন বুঝতে পারলেন যে, প্যাট্রিক গৃহহীন, তখন তারা তাকে রুটস্ টু রুটস্ সার্ভিসের কাছে পাঠান। তাকে হ্যাকনি এলাকায় অস্থায়ীভাবে থাকার ব্যবস্থা করে দেয়া হয়, যে এলাকা সম্পর্কে তার ভালো ধারণা আছে।

প্রোভিডেন্স রো এর সাপোর্ট ওয়ার্কার যিনি তাঁর দেখভাল করেছেন, তাঁর সম্পর্কে মন্তব্য করতে গিয়ে প্যাট্রিক বলেন, পাওলিনা নিয়মিতই আমাকে দেখতে হাসপাতালে আসতেন এবং আম-টার খোঁজ খবর নিতেন। তিনি আমার সব তথ্য নেন এবং আমি যখন হাসপাতাল ত্যাগ করি, তখন আমার জন্য থাকার ব্যবস্থা করে দেন।

সম্প্রতি রুটস্ টু রুটস্ সার্ভিস এন্ডি লাডলো হোমলেসনেস্ এওয়ার্ডস্ জিতেছে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র, লুৎফুর

রহমান বলেন, রাফ স্লিপার বা ফুটপাতে ঘুমাতে বাধ্য হওয়া লোকজনকে সাহায্য করতে অতিরিক্ত এই তহবিল গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করবে। এই ক্রিসমাসে মওসুমে আমাদের সবার এটা মনে রাখতে হবে যে, অনেক অসহায় মানুষ হাড় কাপানো শীতে রাস্তায় ঘুমাতে বাধ্য হচ্ছেন। তাদের সাহায্য করতে এবং তাদেরকে উষ্ণতার মাঝে রাত্রি যাপনের ব্যবস্থা করে দিতে এই অতিরিক্ত তহবিল কাউন্সিলের তৎপরতাকে অনেকখানি সহজ করে দেবে।

কেবিনেট মেম্বার ফর হাউজিং এন্ড ডেভেলপমেন্ট, কাউন্সিলর রাবিনা খান বলেন, দীর্ঘ দিন ধরে আমাদের বারায় ফুটপাতে রাষ্ট্রীয়াপনকারীদের সাহায্য করতে আমাদের অফিসাররা অক্লান্ত পরিশ্রম করে যাচ্ছেন। বারার কোথায় যাতে একজন মানুষও ফুটপাতে না ঘোমান, তা নিশ্চিত করতে অতিরিক্ত এই তহবিল কাউন্সিল অফিসারদের চলমান গুরুত্বপূর্ণ কাজকে আরো গতিশীল করবে।

ফুটপাতে ঘোমাতে বাধ্য হওয়া লোকজনের সহায়তায় কাউন্সিলের কঠোর পরিশ্রম এর আগেও স্বীকৃতি লাভ করেছে। চলতি বছরের শুরুতে মেয়র অব লন্ডনের ‘নো সেকেন্ড নাইট আউট’ প্রোগ্রামের ডিরেক্টর পেট্রা সালভা চিঠি দিয়ে প্রশংসা করেছে।

তিনি তার চিঠিতে উল্লেখ করেন যে, আমার পর্যবেক্ষণ হচ্ছে, রাফ স্লিপিং বন্ধ করতে লন্ডন বারা অব টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ পরিপূর্ণভাবে অঙ্গিকারাবদ্ধ।”

Hab cusub oo ilaalinta ubadka loo adeegsanayo

New IT system to aid child protection – issue 1039

KAWNSULKA oo ka mid noqday kuwa uga horeeya dawlada hoose ee adeegsadey hab casiriya oo ammaanka carruurta, mooganaan iyo dil, qabta.

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টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল আবারও এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ স্কীমে নিয়োগ কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে। সম্ভাবনাময় তরুণরা তাদের পেশাগত জীবন শুরুর প্রাক্কালে কাউন্সিলের এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ প্রোগ্রাম থেকে যে সহায়তা পেয়েছে, তার জন্য কাউন্সিলের প্রতি গভীর কৃতজ্ঞতা জানিয়েছেন। এই উদ্যোগের প্রশংসায় পঞ্চমুখ তারা। বিস্তারিত পড়ুন নিচে -

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Are you registered to vote for young mayor? – page 22

আগামী বছর অনুষ্ঠিতব্য ইয়াং মেয়র নির্বাচনে ভোটাধিকার প্রয়োগ করার জন্য নাম তালিকাভুক্ত করতে বারার কিশোর তরুণ বয়সীদের প্রতি আহ্বান জানিয়েছে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল। ইয়াং মেয়র ইলেকশনে ভোট দিতে হলে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের স্কুলগুলোতে অধ্যয়ন করে না, এমন ১১ থেকে ১৭ বছর বয়সীদেরকে আগামী ১০ জানুয়ারীর মধ্যে নিবন্ধিত হতে হবে। নিবন্ধনের জন্য www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youngmayor ভিজিট করে রেজিস্ট্রেশন ফরম পূরণ করতে হবে। কিংবা বারার যে কোন ইয়ুথ সেন্টারে গিয়ে অথবা ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ৩০৯১ নাম্বারে ফোন করে রেজিস্ট্রেশন করা যাবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের সেকেন্ডারি স্কুল গুলোতে বর্তমানে অধ্যয়নরত শিক্ষার্থীরা স্বয়ংক্রিয়ভাবে ইয়াং মেয়র ইলেক্টোরাল রেজিস্টারে

অন্তর্ভুক্ত হবে, তাই তাদেরকে কিছু করতে হবেনা। ইয়াং মেয়র হওয়ার লড়াইয়ে অবতীর্ণ হয়েছেন ২০ জন তরুণ, যারা নিজেদের প্রত্নত করতে গত ৫ সপ্তাহ ধরে কাউন্সিল এবং ইয়াং মেয়র টিমের তত্ত্বাবধানে বিশেষ ট্রেনিং প্রোগ্রামে অংশ নিচ্ছেন। কিভাবে সভা পরিচালনা করতে হয়, সভাপতিত্ব করতে হয়, বক্তৃতা দিতে হয়, ভিন্ন ভিন্ন বিষয়ে কিভাবে নিজেদেরকে প্রত্নত করতে হয়, ইত্যাদি নানা বিষয়ে তারা প্রশিক্ষণ লাভ করছেন। নির্বাহী মেয়র, লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, কাউন্সিলের সাথে সম্পৃক্ত হতে তরুণদের জন্য চমৎকার একটি পস্থা হচ্ছে এই ইয়াং মেয়র স্কীম। আমাদের তরুণ সম্প্রদায়ের উপযুক্ত বিকাশ ও সমৃদ্ধময় ভবিষ্যত নিশ্চিত করতে সার্ভিস গুলোকে তাদের উপযোগী করতে আমি তরুণদের

সাথে কাজ করে যেতে বদ্ধপরিকর। তিনি বলেন, ইউকে ইয়ুথ পার্লামেন্ট এর বার্ষিক অধিবেশনে অংশ নিয়ে সম্প্রতি আমাদের ইয়াং মেয়র মাহদি আলম হাউজ অব কমসে অনেকগুলো বিতর্কে অংশ নিয়েছেন। ট্রেনিং প্রোগ্রাম সম্পন্ন হওয়ার পর কাউন্সিল আনুষ্ঠানিকভাবে ইয়াং মেয়র ইলেকশনে প্রতিদ্বন্দ্বিতাকারী প্রার্থীদের তালিকা প্রকাশ করবে। জানুয়ারীতে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে নির্বাচন এবং বিজয়ী ইয়াং মেয়র ও তার টীম দায়িত্ব লাভ করবে ফেব্রুয়ারীর প্রথম সপ্তাহে। কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর এডুকেশন, কাউন্সিলর গোলাম রব্বানী বলেন, আবারও ইয়াং মেয়র স্কীমে শক্তিশালী প্রার্থীরা অংশ নিচ্ছেন। যারা বারার কোন স্কুলে লেখাপড়া করছেন না, সেই সকল কিশোর তরুণকে ভোটের তালিকায় নাম অন্তর্ভুক্ত করার জন্য আমি বিশেষভাবে অনুরোধ করছি।



গীতিনাট্য ‘মহাজনের নাও’ মঞ্চস্ত হবে ২১ ও ২২ ডিসেম্বর Season of Bangla Drama extended

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের উদ্যোগে নভেম্বর মাসে অনুষ্ঠিত বার্ষিক নাট্য উৎসব সিজন অব বাংলা ড্রামার অংশ হিসেবে বাংলাদেশের আলোচিত নাটক ‘মহাজনের নাও’ আগামী ২১ ও ২২ ডিসেম্বর অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। বাংলাদেশের স্বনামধন্য নাট্য সংগঠন সুবচন নাট্য সংসদ প্রবাসী বাংলাদেশী নাট্যমোদীদের জন্য নিয়ে আসছে তাদের অন্যতম প্রযোজনা মহাজনের নাও (দ্যা বোট অফ ইনফিনিটি)। বাউল সন্মুটি শাহ আব্দুল করিমের জীবন ও দর্শন নিয়ে রচিত গীতি নাট্য ‘মহাজনের নাও’

জীবন নৌকার নানা ঘাত প্রতিঘাত, ধ্যান ধারণা, জীবন বোধ, দর্শন ও মানবিকতার নানা দিক তুলে ধরা হয়েছে। এ প্রসঙ্গে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, এটা আমাদের জন্য নিঃসন্দেহে আনন্দের খবর যে, সুবচন নাট্য সংসদ তাদের প্রশংসিত নাটক মঞ্চায়ন করতে এখানে আসছে। আপনি যদি নভেম্বর মাসে অনুষ্ঠিত বাংলা নাট্য উৎসব দেখা থেকে বঞ্চিত হন, তাহলে আগামী ২১ ও ২২ ডিসেম্বরের মঞ্চায়ন দেখতে ভুল করবেন না।

কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর কালচার, কাউন্সিল শফিকুল হক বলেন, বাউল সঙ্গীতের সুমহান ধারায় জীবন-দর্শন ভিত্তিক গীতি নাট্য মঞ্চায়নের মাধ্যমে সমৃদ্ধ সাংস্কৃতিক বৈচিত্র্যতা তুলে ধরার মধ্য দিয়ে সিজন অব বাংলা ড্রামার পরিসমাপ্তি একটি অসাধারণ উদ্যোগ। ‘মহাজনের নাও’ আগামী ২১ ও ২২ ডিসেম্বর সন্ধ্যা ৭টায় হোয়াইটচ্যাপেল রোডস্থ ব্রাডি আর্টস সেন্টারে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে। টিকেট এর মূল্য ৮ পাউন্ড থেকে ১০ পাউন্ড। ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ৭৯০০ নাম্বারে ফোন করে আরো তথ্য জানা যাবে।



ব্যানক্রফট লাইব্রেরীতে শুরু হয়েছে বিশেষ প্রদর্শনী ‘আউট অব দ্যা বক্স’

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লন্ডনের ইস্ট এন্ডের সমৃদ্ধ ইতিহাসের অনুসন্ধান এবং অন্তরালে থাকা আমাদের চারপাশের মানুষ ও পরিবেশ-প্রতিবেশের নানা গল্প-গাঁথাকে উপস্থাপন করতে আয়োজন করা হয়েছে বিশেষ এক প্রদর্শনী। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস লকাল হিস্ট্রি লাইব্রেরী এন্ড আর্কাইভস্ এ আয়োজিত ‘আউট অব দ্যা বক্স’ শির্ষক বিশেষ এই প্রদর্শনীতে স্থান পেয়েছে প্রাচীণকালের মানচিত্র, আলোকচিত্র, ঐতিহাসিক ভবনাদি, মার্কেট, জনসাধারণের জীবন যাত্রা নিয়ে আঁকা ছবি ও সামগ্রী। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল এবং আর্টস্ কাউন্সিল ইংল্যান্ড এর সহযোগিতায় আয়োজিত আউট অব দ্যা বক্স প্রজেক্টের আওতায় স্থানীয় ইতিহাস ও ঐতিহ্যের মূল্যবান উপাদানগুলো আবিষ্কারের জন্য ইস্ট লন্ডনের ডিজেবল জনগণ

ও আর্টিস্টদের আমন্ত্রণ জানানো হয়। টাওয়ার প্রজেক্ট এবং রিয়েল টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ এর মতো ডিজেবল গ্রুপগুলোর বাসিন্দারা এই প্রজেক্টে অংশ নেন। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, আমাদের স্থানীয় ইতিহাসকে আরো উজ্জলভাবে মানুষের সামনে তুলে ধরতে এই প্রজেক্ট একটি উদ্ভাবনী উদ্যোগ এবং এই প্রজেক্টের নতুন আর্টওয়ার্কটি আগামী বছর গোটা বারা পরিভ্রমণ করবে। কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর কালচার, কাউন্সিলর শফিকুল হক বলেন, আমাদের বারার সমৃদ্ধ ইতিহাসের সংগ্রহকে উপস্থাপনে বাসিন্দারা এই প্রজেক্টের সাথে সম্পৃক্ত হওয়ায় আমি খুবই সন্তুষ্ট। গত ৩ ডিসেম্বর “আউট অব দ্যা বক্স” এর উদ্বোধনী অনুষ্ঠানে আর্টিস্ট ও অংশগ্রহণকারী এবং

লাইব্রেরীর সমর্থকরা উপস্থিত ছিলেন। উল্লেখ্য, গত জুলাই এবং আগস্ট মাসে অনুষ্ঠিত কয়েকটি কর্মশালায় অংশ গ্রহণকারীরা কাউন্সিলের ঐতিহ্যের সংগ্রহশালার শব্দ ও কথ্য ইতিহাস, চামড়ায় হাতে লেখা রচনা, সংবাদপত্র, চিত্র ও আলোকচিত্র নিয়ে গবেষণা করেন। এসব কর্মশালা বারার ভিন্ন ভিন্ন স্থানে অনুষ্ঠিত হয় এবং বাসিন্দাদেরকে তাদের আগ্রহের বিষয় এবং তা কিভাবে উপস্থাপন করতে চান, তার ধারণা বা আইডিয়া নিয়ে এতে যোগ দিতে আমন্ত্রণ জানানো হয়েছিলো। ব্যানক্রফট রোডে অবস্থিত টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ লকাল হিস্ট্রি লাইব্রেরীতে এই প্রদর্শনী চলবে আগামী বছরের ২৯ জানুয়ারী পর্যন্ত। এরপর প্রদর্শনীটি বারার বিভিন্ন আইডিয়া স্টোর ও লাইব্রেরীতে অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

Apprentices say thank you for support

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল আবারও এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ স্কীমে নিয়োগ কার্যক্রম শুরু করেছে। যেসকল তরুণ পেশাগত জীবনে পা ফেলতে চায়, তাদেরকে প্রয়োজনীয় দক্ষতা ও অভিজ্ঞতায় সমৃদ্ধ করতেই কাউন্সিলের এই উদ্যোগ, যা জাতীয়ভাবে স্বীকৃতি লাভ করেছে। সম্ভাবনাময় তরুণরা তাদের পেশাগত জীবন শুরুর প্রাক্কালে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ প্রোগ্রাম থেকে যে সহায়তা পেয়েছে, তার জন্য কাউন্সিলের প্রতি গভীর কৃতজ্ঞতা জানিয়েছেন। গত চার বছরে কাউন্সিল ১৮৫ জনের মতো তরুণকে এপ্রেন্টিস হিসেবে নিয়োগ প্রদান করে, যাদের ৯৭ শতাংশই কাউন্সিল কিংবা অন্য কোন প্রতিষ্ঠানে ফুল টাইম চাকুরি লাভ করে সক্ষম হন। ফাতেমা বিবি-মিয়া নামের সাবেক এক এপ্রেন্টিস, যিনি ২০১২ সালে কাউন্সিলে খন্ডকালীন প্রশিক্ষণার্থী কর্মী হিসেবে নিয়োগ পেয়েছিলেন এবং পরবর্তীতে তিনি এডপশন সাপোর্ট টীমে স্থায়ীভাবে চাকুরি লাভ করেন। তিনি বলেন, লেভেল ২ এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ করা কালীন সময়ে আমি প্রচুর জ্ঞান ও অভিজ্ঞতা অর্জন করি। এর ফলে সোশ্যাল ওয়ার্ক সম্পর্কে আমি খুব ভালো ধারণা লাভ করতে সক্ষম হই

এবং ফস্টারিং, এডপশন ও সেফগার্ডিং সম্পর্কে জানতে পারি। এই এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ আমার সম্ভাবনার পরিধিকে আরো সুপরিসর করেছে। ফস্টারিং এন্ড এডপশন সার্ভিসে সাফল্যের সাথে কাজ করার পর ফাতেমা লেভেল ৩ বিজনেস এডমিনিস্ট্রেশন প্রোগ্রামে অংশ নেন এবং স্কিলম্যাচ এর সাথে যোগ দেন। লেভেল থ্রি ট্রেনিং সম্পন্ন করার পর তিনি স্কিলম্যাচ এ ক্লায়েন্ট কন্টাক্ট সেন্টার এডভাইজর হিসেবে স্থায়ী নিয়োগ লাভ করেন। বিজনেস এন্ড এডমিনিস্ট্রেশনে লেভেল থ্রি প্রশিক্ষণার্থী ক্যালম রায়খ বলেন, টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ প্রোগ্রাম একটি পূর্ণাঙ্গ কর্মসূচি এবং আমার জন্য খুবই উপকারী। আমার লক্ষ্য অর্জনের লক্ষ্যে আমাকে যথাযথ সহায়তা ও পথনির্দেশনা দেয়া হয়েছে। এটা ছিলো আমার প্রথম কোন অফিসে প্রশাসনিক কাজ এবং আমি অনেক কিছু জানতে ও অনেক অভিজ্ঞতা অর্জন করতে সক্ষম হয়েছি। মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, পেশা জীবনে পা দিতে আমাদের উদ্যমী তরুণদের সুযোগ করে দিতে এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ হচ্ছে অসাধারণ একটি উদ্যোগ। তিনি বলেন, এটা নিঃসন্দেহে আনন্দের যে জাতীয়ভাবে এওয়ার্ড বিতরনী অনুষ্ঠানে টাওয়ার

হ্যামলেটসের এই এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ স্কীম স্বীকৃতি পেয়েছে, এবং তার চেয়ে বেশি আনন্দের যারা এই স্কীমের সুফলভোগী তারা এর প্রশংসায় পঞ্চমুখ হয়েছে। উল্লেখ্য, গত সেপ্টেম্বর মাসে তরুণদের জন্য নতুন ইন্টারশীপ ও চাকুরি সুবিধাদি সৃষ্টি করতে নিয়োগদাতাদের সাথে কঠোর পরিশ্রম করার স্বীকৃতি স্বরূপ টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ লন্ডন কাউন্সিল এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ এওয়ার্ড ২০১৪ জয়লাভ করে। ডেপুটি মেয়র এবং কেবিনেট মেম্বর ফর ইকনোমিক ডেভেলপমেন্ট, কাউন্সিলর ওলিউর রহমান বলেন, আমাদের এপ্রেন্টিসরা তাদের পেশাজীবনের সমৃদ্ধি অর্জনে সাফল্য অর্জন করায় আমরা খুবই সন্তুষ্ট। বারার তরুণদের দক্ষতা ও অভিজ্ঞতা দিয়ে তাদের পছন্দসই চাকুরিতে নিয়োগ লাভের পথ সুগম করতে কাউন্সিলের এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ প্রোগ্রাম গুরুত্বপূর্ণ ভূমিকা পালন করে যাচ্ছে। টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিল বর্তমানে তার এপ্রেন্টিসশীপ স্কীমে নতুন নিয়োগ দিচ্ছে। এ ব্যাপারে বিস্তারিত তথ্য পেতে ও কিভাবে আবেদন করতে হয় তা জানতে ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ০৬২৬ নাম্বারে ফোন করে স্কিলম্যাচের সাথে যোগাযোগ করতে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

The council marked International Day of Disabled People on December 3 with a series of ev



Cycling at the leisure centre



Football lovers and cricket fans enjoyed the chance to play their favourite games



Mariachi Fiesta Band at the Breaking Down Barriers event at Mile End Park

Mexican band lights up



A badminton player lunges for the shuttlecock

DISABLED people, their carers, friends and families attended a host of events to mark International Day of Disabled People.

Mile End Park Leisure Centre in Burdett Road hosted a morning of sporting activity on Monday, December 1.

Activities on offer included cycling, basketball and trampolining.

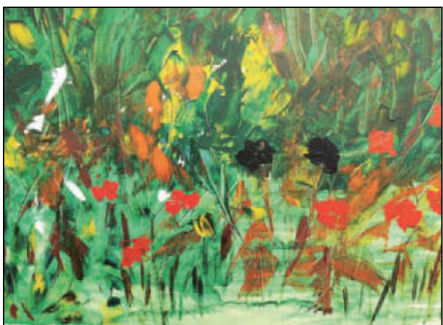
And service users from Day Opportunities in Stepney exhibited their artwork at a celebratory event, Breaking Down Barriers,

at the Art Pavilion in Mile End Park, Clinton Road, on December 3.

Day Opportunities, which has been running for more than ten years, provides services for residents with sensory and physical disabilities

Organised by the Tower Project and the council, Breaking Down Barriers had a pop-up gallery highlighting arts, crafts and enterprises set up by disabled people from the borough.

Entertainment included a mariachi



ents. **Anna Wilson** reports. Photos by **Kois Miah**.



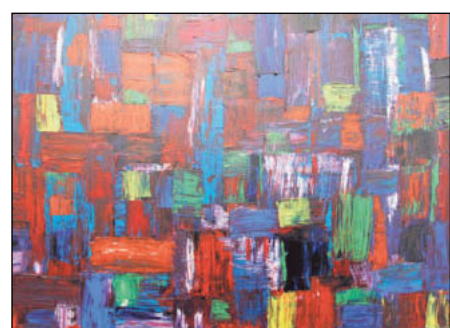
celebrations

band, dancing, a buffet and competitions.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "We support this national day locally in order to encourage a better understanding of people affected by a disability, making people more aware of the rights, dignity and welfare of disabled people."

Cllr Abdul Asad, lead member for adult and health services, said: "The day was a great chance to showcase innovative art projects and encourage residents to get active with a range of fun activities."

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Cllr Abdul Asad



Left: four paintings on display at the Breaking Down Barriers event

Art project rich in East End History

BY SHALINA HUSSAIN

DELVE into the rich history of the East End and you find out about hidden stories of those who lived in the streets you pass every day.

A fascinating exhibition exploring maps, photographs, landmark buildings, markets and people has been brought to life at Tower Hamlets Local History Library & Archives.

Out of the Box, a pioneering project supported by the council and Arts Council England, invited disabled people and artists from east London to take the lead in bringing archives 'out of the box', and exploring them.

Residents from disability groups such as the Tower Project and Real Tower Hamlets were involved in the project.

The launch took place on December 3 and was attended by artists, participants and supporters of the library.

Through a series of workshops during July and August, participants followed a personal research journey into the council's heritage collections.

The workshops were held in different locations and allowed residents to come up with a creative response to subjects of interest to them, in whatever format they chose.

Subjects ranged from black history in the borough to Limehouse Chinatown, the Match Girls Strike, local landmarks and Jack the Ripper.

Their inspiration, thoughts and findings from in-depth research are captured in their own creations, including sculptures, hand-made cushions, paintings and drawings, and poems.

Caglar Kimyoncu, lead artist and curator, said: "The first time I visited the building on Bancroft Road, home to Tower Hamlets' local history records, marked the beginning of an expedition into new territory for me.

"The world of archives presented me



Artist Caglar Kimyoncu

with a challenge that instead of pushing me away, lured me into its hidden stories. I spent long hours handling old books, newspapers and photos, studying the craft of these old materials, observing the people featured and trying to 'speak to' their unknown creators. It was an intimate dialogue with the past."

Participant Sarah added: "This has stimulated a part of my brain that had lain dormant. I have gained in confidence to read history, write and paint. I believe, albeit in a humble fashion, that the sky is the limit. I am truly grateful."

Rowan was inspired by newspapers to write a poem. He said: "It's a fictional tale inspired by all the newspaper cuttings I read about Chinatown when it was in Limehouse.

"The majority of the text is taken directly from the newspapers as short quotes, but rearranged to tell a story."

The exhibition will be at Tower Hamlets Local History Library in Bancroft Road until January 29 and will then tour Idea Stores and libraries on the following dates:

■ **February 2-28, 2015 – Cubitt Town and Bethnal Green Libraries**

■ **March 2-30 – Idea Store Whitechapel**

■ **April 1-29 – Idea Store Bow**

■ **May 1-29 – Idea Store Canary Wharf**

■ **June 1-29 – Idea Store Chrisp Street**

■ **July 1-31 – Idea Store Watney Market.**

All venues are wheelchair accessible. An audio description guide for the exhibition will be available.

Events will be British Sign Language interpreted and have speech-to-text provision. For more details visit www.outoftheboxproject.org



A guest looks at some of the creations

A range of services

The council provides many services for residents and businesses. Go to the A-Z on the website at

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of

the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/data/your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Tuesday, December 16

2pm: Licensing sub-committee

Business includes applications for new premises licences for The Looove, 82a Commercial Street; Khushbu, 74 Whitechapel High Street; and Royal PFC, 178a Whitechapel Road.

The meeting will also consider an application to review the premises licence for Café Bangla, 128 Brick Lane.

For details call Simmi Yesmin on 77364 4120 or email simmi.yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

7pm: Audit committee
Call Antonella Burgio on 7364 4881 or email antonella.burgio@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, December 17

7pm: Development committee
For details call Zoe Folley on 7364 4877 or email zoe.folley@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Details are accurate at time of going to press. Agendas are available online a week before meetings, which are at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG, except cabinet.

The Government is changing benefits

Prepare and act now

The Government is changing the benefits system as part of its plans for welfare reform. If you are claiming benefits, you may be affected. Households who are not in work or have low income will be affected. The impact of these changes could be severe and some households could be forced to stop claiming their current benefits.

Tower Hamlets Council will be providing information and advice to help you prepare for the changes. You can contact us for more information about the changes and the support available to you. Call us on 0203 400 7000, or visit our website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

Get information on welfare reform

The council's benefits service can provide information about housing benefit, council tax benefit and entitlement to free school meals. It has compiled a list of helpful agencies at...

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Planning

E1 Basement unit, 4 Walburgh Street – retention of the existing minicab call centre.

E2 59-61 Roman Road – replace existing Crittall windows facing Roman Road with timber windows.

E3 65 Tredegar Square – approval of details pursuant to external facing materials, landscape management plan, contamination, highways improvement works, wheelchair assessable dwellings, lifetime homes, car-free and noise and vibration report of planning permission dated 10/10/14, ref. PA/14/00104. 12 Lichfield Road – internal modernisation. Two-storey rear extension. Single-storey rear/side extension. Replacement windows throughout. Barratt Industrial Estate, 20 Gillender Street, E3 – demolition of existing buildings and

erection of four blocks ranging from 3-15 storeys to provide 1,805 sqm of commercial floorspace and 204 residential units (comprising 87 x one bed; 67 x two bed; 46 x three bed and four x 2 bed), private and communal amenity space and child playspace; 17 car parking spaces and 257 cycle spaces.

E14 Providence Tower, New Providence Wharf, Blackwall Way – submission of details pursuant to samples and materials and landscape plan of planning permission dated 10/11/14, ref. PA/13/01953. Natwest Bank, 20 Canada Square, Canary Wharf – replacement of existing fascia and projection sign with two illuminated fascia signs, one illuminated projecting sign, one illuminated ATM surround, two A1 window posters, one suspended illuminated chevron sign, two web/tel. vinyl signs and one nameplate. 2 Torres Square – single-storey rear extension. 6 Passfield Drive – single-storey rear extension.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team
Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment. 71 Johnson Street, E1. 7790 1344 www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas
Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community. The Davenant Centre, 179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1 7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre
In-patient detox for 18+ males. Riverside House, 4th Floor, 20 Garford Street, E14. 7538 9421

Young People's Service
Treatment for under-19s Unit 26, Skyline Village, Limeharbour, E14. 3069 7878 www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis
For women aged over 18 c/o Hopetown Hostel, 60 Old Montague Street, E1. 7426 0399 www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team
Unit 22, Skyline Village Limeharbour, E14. 0800 008 7200 www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse
Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues. Contact Idriis Elmi. Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House 13 Whitethorn Street, E3. 7510 1081

Register for young vote

BY RAJU MIAH

YOUNG people aged 11-17 who don't study in a Tower Hamlets school must register by Friday, January 10 to vote in the 2015 young mayor elections.

To register, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/YoungMayor and complete the registration form.

Alternatively, you can complete the form at any youth centre or by calling 7364 3019.

Students currently attending a school in Tower Hamlets will automatically be added to the young mayor's electoral register and don't need to take any action now.

More than 20 young hopefuls



have been going through a special training programme designed by the council and young mayor's team for the past five weeks.

Each session is designed to give young people an insight into the different aspects of the role, from public speaking to chairing meetings.

Young mayor for Tower Hamlets Mahdi Alam said:

"Being a young mayor is a challenging role.

"Our programme has been developed to push young people to reach their potential in order to really show what it's like to be young mayor."

Once the training is complete, the council will announce the candidates standing in the elections.

Polling day will take place in January with the new young mayor and their team taking office in the first week of February.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "The young mayor scheme is a great way for young people to get involved with the council."

For more information visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/youngmayor or call 7364 3019.

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- report an abandoned vehicle
- bulk rubbish collections

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'THE BETHLEHEM QUEST'
Luke 2:15 "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem..."

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Register now for free news

Tower Hamlets residents can register for the free news and consultation service giving updates on subjects they choose as often as they want them. For more information visit...

MY.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Feedback on budget

The council is giving residents a further chance – until January 12 – to have their say on savings proposals.

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Council information

Town Hall

Town Hall, Mulberry Place,
5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG.
7364 5000

Hotline numbers

Housing benefits – 7364 5001
Council tax – 7364 5002
Parking services – 7364 5003
Streetline – 7364 5004
Adult social care – 7364 5005
Children's services – 7364 5006
Pest and noise nuisance –
7364 5007
Employment & skills service
(Skillsmatch) – 7364 3727
Environmental health,
trading standards & licensing
– 7364 5008
Planning & development
– 7364 5009
Business rates – 7364 5010
Recruitment line – 7364 5011
Electoral services – 7364 0872
Tower Hamlets Homes – 7364
5015
Healthline – 7364 5016

General enquiries

Council enquiries – 7364 5020.

Useful housing numbers

Housing repairs – 0800 376 1637
Tenancy support – 7364 5544
Housing advice (E14) – 7364 7507
Housing advice (E1, E2 or E3)
– 7364 3558
Homeless service – 7364 7474
Choice-based lettings
– 7364 0244
Homeseekers – 0845 270 2400

Switchboard

If you know the name of the person or department, call the switchboard on 7364 5000.



Do you know where to find this unusual feature of the borough? Our popular oddities picture poser gives readers the chance to keep their eyes peeled to see if they can spot where our photographers took the pictures. If you have photos of your own you would like to see published in East End Life, email them to eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk or send them to Photo Poser, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG. They need to be high resolution, at least 1MB and 300 dpi.

Report it!

To report an incident, use these 24-hour freephone numbers:

Non-emergency crimes – 101
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Free service for council tenants and leaseholders. 7702 8305

Trading standards
Consumer Direct: 08454 040506

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Bethnal Green – 1 Rushmead, off Bethnal Green Road, E2
Bow & North Poplar – John Onslow House, 1 Ewart Place, E3
South Poplar – 15 Market Square, Chrisp Street, E14
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Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.
Canary Wharf – Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, E14.
Chrisp Street – Vesey Path, E14.
Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7364 4332
Watney Market – Commercial E1. 7364 4332
All open: Mon to Thurs, 9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. Sundays – Bow and Chrisp Street open, 10am-4pm; Whitechapel, 11am-5pm; and Canary Wharf, 12-6pm.

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Bethnal Green – Cambridge Heath Road, E2. 8980 3902
Cubitt Town – Strattondale Street, E14. 7987 3152
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Local History Library and Archives – 277 Bancroft Road, E1. Open Tues, 10am-5pm; Weds, 9am-5pm; Thurs, 9am-8pm; Sat (1st & 3rd of the month), 9am-5pm.
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All Quiet On The Western Front

The unauthorised 1914 Christmas truce, which took place on December 25, spread around much of the 500-mile Western Front where more than one million men were stationed.

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Out & about guide

What's on where this week

Events

1914 Christmas Truce Centenary

Creative workshop aimed at children aged 9 to 14. Hosted by Philosophy Football, the afternoon event includes a re-enactment of the famous Great War football match truce, films, poetry readings and writing and more.

Sat, Dec 20. 4-5.30pm. Free.
Rich Mix, 35-47 Bethnal Green Road, E1.

www.richmix.org.uk

Folie A Deux

Final show of Spitalfields Winter Music Festival. Evening offering a behind-the-scenes look into the creative process of Mahogany Opera Group, featuring musical excerpts and discussion.

Tues, Dec 16. 7pm. £10 (includes a glass of wine).
Toynbee Studios, 28 Commercial St, E1.
7337 1362

Pantomime at Winterville

Robin Hood themed pantomimes at Victoria Park, with slapstick comedy and live music. Best suited to ages 4+.
Sat, Dec 20, 12.30pm. Sun, Dec 21. 11.30am, 1.30pm.
Victoria Park, E3.

www.winterville.co.uk

Exhibitions

Alternative 23

Comic book-influenced works by artists including Steve Aylett, David Blandy, Daniel Locke and Let Me Feel Your Finger First.

Until Jan 25, 2015.
IMT Gallery, Unit 2,
210 Cambridge Heath Road, E2.
www.imagemusictext.com

Music

Madness

Camden ska and pop veterans play a

catalogue of their classic hits.
Sat, Dec 20. 6.30pm.
Tickets from £32.50.
The O2, Peninsula Square, SE10.
8463 2000

Albatross & Dibya Subba

Live concert preceding an after party including sets from DJ CVA and DJ Bickey.

Sat, Dec 20, 5pm until late. 18+.
Tickets from £27.50.
Troxy, 490 Commercial Road, E1.
www.troxy.co.uk

Theatre

Drunken Nights

Series of live productions created by emerging theatre-makers about and for the pub.

Wed, Dec 17. 8pm. Free.
George Tavern, 373 Commercial Road, E1.
www.thegeorgetavern.co.uk



Turntables

Hipsters and locals alike have been paying regular visits to Turntables over the last month, a foodie-influenced pop-up venue in Hackney Wick. An eclectic mix of emerging and established DJs have been on hand to spin house and disco tunes by the canal-side spot. Turntables wraps up after this weekend, on Friday, December 18, from 5pm. Turntables is at 119 Wallis Rd, E9. Entry is free. Follow @turntablesLDN on Twitter.

Social

Birchfield OAPs club

Mon-Fri, 7-9.30pm;
Weds, 1-4pm.
50 Saltwell Street, E14.

Fern Street Settlement

Fern Street, E3.
7987 1949
07939 965141

Golden Ladies

Pensioners group for bingo and social. Weds, 2-4pm.
Isle of Dogs Bowls Club,
Millwall Park, E14.
7987 6824

Little Spitz' under-5s playgroup

Weds, 10am-12pm, 50p.
Tours and stories.
Spitalfields City Farm,
Buxton Street, E1.
7247 8762

Tower Hamlets U3A

Courses for over-50s – T'ai Chi, history walking, jazz appreciation, art appreciation, history walking and more. £10 yearly membership. Various days and times.
St Margaret's House
Settlement, 21 Old Ford Road, E2.
7247 4283

Dance

Argentinian tango E14

Class. Sat 1-5pm. £5. St John's Community Hall, 37 Glengall Grove, E14.
7538 3852

Ballroom/Latin American

Fri, 1.45-3.45pm, £5, free refreshments. No beginners.
Kingsley Hall, Powis Road, E3.
8550 1392

Brazilian dance aerobic classes

Weds 9-10am & Thurs, 1-2pm. Free.

Alpha Grove Centre, Isle of Dogs, E14
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Energize4Girlz

South African gumboot dancing.
Every other Saturday from 11am-12.30pm.
St Pauls Shadwell Church, 302 The Highway, E1.
energize4girlzdance@gmail.com

Green Candle Senior Dance

Over-60s, no experience is necessary.
Tues, 10.30am-12.30pm, one

free taster session.
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
7739 7722

Salsa

For dancers of all experience, beginners welcome, followed by dancing until midnight. Prices vary. Free first class for ladies.
Every Weds, 7.30-9.30pm.
The Urban Bar, 176 Whitechapel Road, E1.
07932 658861

Swing Dance

All ability levels welcome.

Every Fri, 7-9pm.
£7 per person or £10 for a lead/follow couple.
The Hall, St Margaret's House,
21 Old Ford Road, E2.
8980 2092

Zumba classes

Every Tues 11.15am-12.15pm.
Healthy living sessions every Fri, 11am-3pm.
St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High St, E14.
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Full of Glee at competition success

Young and Talented's second place finish in this year's Glee Club Challenge was a further improvement on last year, when a group from the troupe finished fourth.

SEE BELOW

Portrait of the artist

Morgan Fisher was born in 1942 in Washington DC and, prior to becoming an artist, studied Art History at Harvard.

SEE BELOW

Out & About

Christmas with a chaotic twist

BY JAMES MARTIN

A UNIQUE floating theatre has moored on the canals around Victoria Park.

The aptly titled Waterhouse Theatre opened last week for its first run of performances aboard its new 70x12ft canal barge.

The theatre's hour-long show – entitled *On the Table, Under the Bed* – is billed as an alternative and chaotic Christmas treat.

Organisers say the performance is a merging of improvisation with the movie *Love Actually*, three diabolical corporate villains and *Father Christmas*.

The wide-beam barge will be moored only minutes from Winterville, which recently opened for a month-long residency in Victoria Park.

Artistic director Kit Redstone said he hoped the new floating performance platform would encourage the local community to join in.

"We want to engage with people who do not feel welcome in conventional arts venues, and reclaim the connection canals brought to disparate communities in London," said Redstone.



The cast and crew of the Waterhouse Theatre, moored off Victoria Park

"We will programme a unique line-up of cutting-edge, early career performance and visual artists in a completely unique barge space which travels along London's canals.

"We're unique because we are an artist collective creating London's new, floating performance platform, which is completely centred around providing arts for the local community."

On the Table, Under the Bed – produced by Vacuum Theatre and Patrizia Paolini – runs until Dec 30.

Future performances, which start at 7.30pm, will be held

on December 20, 22, 23, 27, 28, 29 and 30.

For more information and to book tickets, which cost £10/£8, visit www.waterhousetheatre.com/programme

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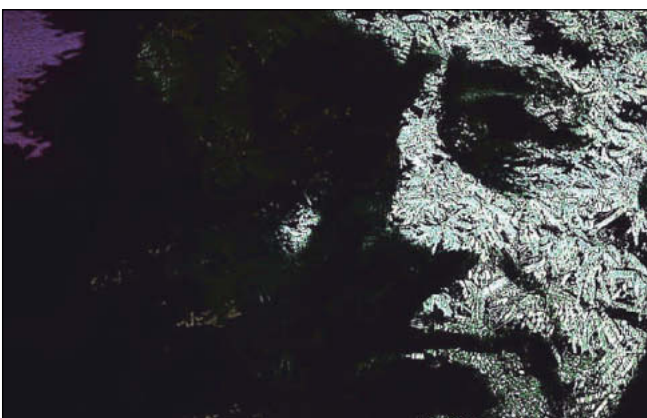
A MIND-BENDING new artwork is on display at Canary Wharf as part of a teaser for a major project launch in the New Year.

The *Tree That Blink*ed, outside One Canada Square, E14, is a light-based installation by artist Karel Bata.

The piece, on display until December 29, projects what appears to be a jumbo-sized human face on to a Christmas tree. It is in fact a projection of a self-portrait of Bata, the Czech-born artist, now based in London, who is behind the work.

In wintry conditions the artwork moves and reflects the changing appearances of real human faces.

The installation is a precursor



The light-based installation by artist Karel Bata

to the upcoming Winter Lights Festival at Canary Wharf.

Running from January 5 until 30, the festival will bring together 11 artists from around the globe.

They will present an array

of spectacular illuminations through Canary Wharf.

The interactive festival will include sculptures, lasers, projections and digital art.

For more information see www.about.me/karelbata

A BETHNAL Green art gallery has debuted a solo exhibition by a renowned American avant-garde artist. Last year Morgan Fisher (right) screened one of his short films at Maureen Paley – on Herald Street, E2 – and now the 72-year-old has returned with works inspired by his passions for film-making and photography.

The California-based artist is best known for creating minimalist films that pay reference to the material processes involved in making celluloid movies. All of the works in this exhibition have been made as photographs or films. Fisher has seen his recent collections go on display at the prestigious Whitney



Museum of American Art in New York.

Morgan Fisher: Past Present, Present Past runs at Maureen Paley gallery until January 25, 2015.

For more details visit www.maureenpaley.com

News in brief

Young & Talented rise to Challenge

PERFORMERS from a local theatre school were runners-up in the Jack Petchey Foundation Glee Club Challenge – an award for the performing arts.

Young and Talented, which holds Saturday classes at Oxford House in Bethnal Green, competed at the contest at the Queen Elizabeth Hall, Southbank Centre, on December 6.

Their group consisted of girls and boys aged 12 to 16, competing alongside 200 young performers for a chance to win a share of £5,000 worth of prizes.

Judges included former *EastEnders* stars Tamzin Outhwaite and John Partridge.

Electronic pioneers book Rich Mix date

ADDICTIVE TV, the electronic and audio/video remix duo, will present their ongoing project – *Orchestra of Samples* – at Rich Mix early next year.

The pair filmed recording sessions with more than 150 musicians from around the world. Their results will be shown on February 26, when electronic supremo Howie B and singer/songwriter Kizzy Crawford will also perform live.

Visit www.richmix.org.uk/whats-on

Carol concerts

■ JUBILEE Hall, a community church at 132 Eric Street, Mile End, is inviting residents to a Christmas carol service on Friday, December 19, from 7pm. Call Chris and Carol Okworu on 07969 130306 or email rccg.jubileehall@gmail.com

■ ST Peter's Barge, London's floating church, located in West India Quay, will host carol services on Wednesday, December 17, at 1.05pm; Thursday, December 18, at 1.15pm and Sunday, December 21, at 10.30am and 6pm.

The services will feature traditional carols and readings, a talk on the message of Christmas, mince pies and mulled wine. Everyone is welcome. Call 7093 1212.

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Eating out, eating in

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BY STARVIN' MARVIN

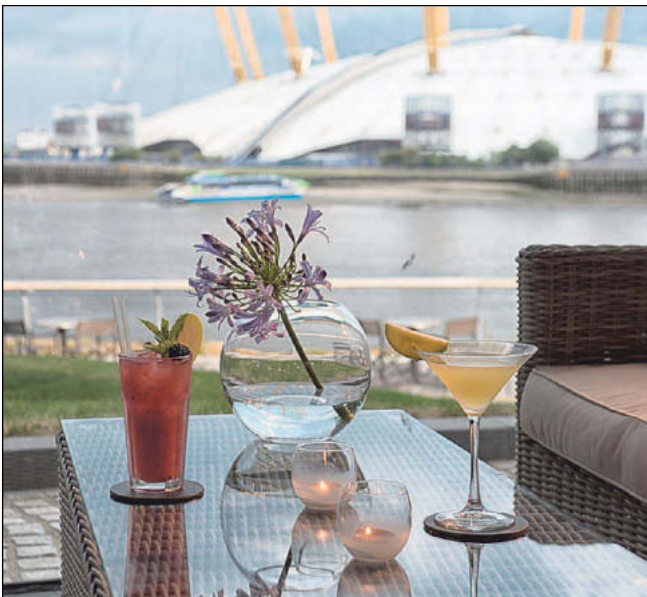
DO you remember the classic episode of BBC sitcom *The Royale Family*, where Denise tries to cook Christmas dinner?

After forgetting to take the turkey out of the freezer, she ends up defrosting it in the bath, with predictably hilarious consequences.

It's the source of some humour but for a lot of people, Christmas is a real culinary challenge. We're not all naturals in the kitchen so if you don't want the hassle of cooking for the family this Christmas, don't despair. There are restaurants in the borough that will do it all for you.

The **Radisson Blu Edwardian New Providence Wharf Hotel** has a restaurant looking out over the River Thames in Poplar.

The hotel is offering a three-course Christmas Day lunch menu, including tasty-sounding starters like slow cooked duck and apple with English gin, juniper and plum chutney; a main



The Radisson Blu Edwardian New Providence Wharf Hotel

course of roast bronze turkey, duck fat roast potatoes, chestnut and apricot stuffing, buttered sprouts, carrots, parsnips and pigs in blankets; and traditional Christmas plum pudding with brandy sauce.

The lunch costs £65 per head – you must book in advance and a deposit will be taken.

To book, call 7987 6566, email npwcb@radisson.com or visit

www.radissonblu-edwardian.com/london-hotel-gb-e14-9pj/gbcanary to download a full menu.

Another venue with a dazzling view is **The Tower Hotel**, in St Katharine's Way, E1. With a vista encompassing Tower Bridge and the Tower of London, the hotel is also offering a festive feast on Christmas Day.

From 12.30-4.30pm, a buffet

lunch will be served, featuring such classics as roast Norfolk turkey, baked red mullet and cinnamon cheesecake. The package also includes a glass of Champagne on arrival and children will also get a gift from Santa.

The buffet costs £69 for adults, £39 for children.

Call 0871 376 9036 to book in advance or visit www.guoman.com/en/hotels/united_kingdom/london/the_tower/index.html.

And, if you want to ditch the turkey and trimmings, spice up your Christmas at **Tayyabs** in Fieldgate Street, Whitechapel. The award-winning restaurant began life as a humble café and has been serving some of London's best curry since 1972.

The family-run business has no special menu for the big day – although its many local customers would say the food is special every day.

Tayyabs' mixed grill is a firm favourite, especially the spicy lamb chops.

Call 7247 9543 to book or reserve your table online at www.tayyabs.co.uk

Strudel offers a real festive treat

THIS month's recipe comes from the Love Food Hate Waste website.

Ideal for children, this is a pudding which can help use up pears, apples, oranges and lemons that may be left in the fruit bowl.

Serve warm as a light pudding with Greek yoghurt, or eat chilled with a bowl of muesli for a healthy start to the day.

If you have a recipe to suggest using leftovers or tips about reducing the amount of food we throw away, you could win £50



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Christmas pudding strudel

Ingredients

3 large sheets of filo pastry
250g ricotta cheese
Zest of 1 orange
250g leftover Christmas

pudding, crumbled
Vanilla ice cream to serve or custard
Ground black peppercorns
25g melted butter

Method

1. In a bowl, mix together the cheese, black pepper, orange zest, juice and crumbled Christmas pudding.
2. Lay out the sheets of filo pastry, brush each sheet with melted butter and place on top of each other. Spread the filling at one end of the filo square.
3. Fold one end of the pastry and

- continue rolling, tucking each end to create a seal, until you have a tight filo parcel log.
4. Brush the top with butter and sprinkle with a little cinnamon and brown sugar.
 5. Bake at 200°C (400°F or gas mark 6) for 25 minutes or until golden brown and crispy on the base. Serve in slices with vanilla ice cream or warm custard.

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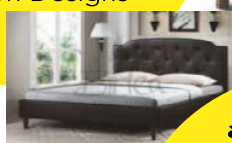
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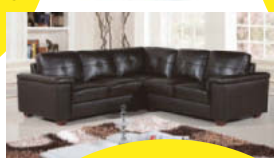
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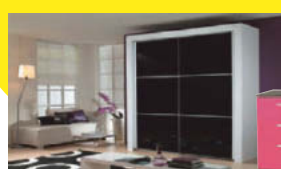


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Estate gets new homes by 2016

Works on the Leopold Estate will see 152 dilapidated homes removed to be replaced by 256 private sale and 108 affordable apartments. They are expected to be completed by 2016.

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Property

New estate to rise out of demolition ashes

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

RESIDENTS watched the start of the demolition of a run down, post-war housing estate in preparation for 364 new homes to be constructed on the site.

Works on the Leopold Estate in Bow will feature the removal of 152 dilapidated homes to be replaced by 256 private sale and 108 affordable apartments. Construction is expected to start in early 2015, with completion in 2019.

Property developer Countryside is working in partnership with registered social landlord Poplar HARCA to regenerate the estate.

Richard Cherry, deputy chairman of Countryside, said: "The demolition is an important milestone for the Leopold Estate.

"The first phase of regeneration has been a real success and the community has responded positively to the designs for



Jim Dodd from Capital Properties with children from St Paul's Way Trust School

the scheme, which put an emphasis on open space in what is a high-density development.

"We are pleased to continue the success of Leopold by creating more high-quality homes for local people."

The designs for the new phase, by architects Metropolitan Workshop, offer a mix of tenure blind homes in a range

of sizes varying from one to four bedroom apartments to suit a range of residents.

The homes are spread across four buildings that vary in height from four to nine storeys set around landscaped courtyards and a public 'pocket' park, which will provide outdoor space for residents.

Babu Bhattacharjee,

director of communities and neighbourhoods at Poplar HARCA, said: "It is exciting to see the regeneration programme moving ahead.

"I'm delighted residents who shaped the build and children of St Paul's Way Trust School could be here to witness the demolition of old homes and celebrate the final phase."

Get permission to do repairs

HOUSING officers at Tower Hamlets Homes are reminding residents to seek permission before carrying out alterations or improvements at home.

"Work carried out inside your home can affect the overall stability and structure of your home – and often your block," a spokesman for Tower Hamlets Homes said.

Householders, including leaseholders, need written permission to carry out work such as building an extension, or installing a new kitchen, bath, shower or basin if it will alter the internal layout of your home.

Works affecting the structure of the building include creating a new doorway or removing a wall or chimney breast.

"We act on behalf of your freeholder, Tower Hamlets Council, and are not a planning authority.

"Therefore, you may also need separate consent from the council's planning department.

"If you have any questions or you have already carried out an alteration without written permission, please contact us," the spokesman said.

For further information, call 7364 5015 or email contactus@thh.org.uk

Growing plans for the park

PEOPLE from former Olympic host boroughs celebrated the launch of a two-year urban food-growing project at a festive party overlooking Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park.

The celebration on Sunday, December 7, at The View Tube marked the start of Make Grow Do, which plans a community gardening network in and around the Olympic Park.

The free event featured lantern making workshops, festive treats including hot chocolate, mulled wine and mince pies

and a guest appearance from Santa.

Make Grow Do is funded by the London Legacy Development Corporation (LLDC).

It supports established growers and plans to create a network for sharing growing tips and encouraging residents to have a go at gardening.

Activities are being delivered by the environmental charity Groundwork London.

For more information visit the website www.projectdirt.com/makegrowdo or follow the action on Twitter using #MakeGrowDo

Sweet music will help homeless people this Christmas

THE London Docklands Singers will be raising money for single homeless people at its annual Christmas concert.

Residents are invited to join

the community choir and musical director Andrew Campling at the Space, 269 Westferry Road, Isle of Dogs, from 8pm on Monday,

December 15, for an evening of Christmas carols in aid of Spitalfields charity Crisis.

Tickets are priced at £6 each and are available online at

www.londondocklandssingers.org/concerts/christmas-carols-2014 or on the door.

Minced pies and mulled wine will be served.



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Further information on homes advertised is available at One Stop Shops & Neighbourhood Housing Offices

Key for Accessible Housing Register

Some people require a home that is accessible. These homes are coded as follows:

Category	Description
A Wheelchair Accessible	Purpose built to meet most recent wheelchair housing standards
B Partially Wheelchair Accessible	Designed to older wheelchair housing standards
C Life time Homes	Specifically designed to create an accessible and adaptable home
D Easy Access	Designed to be spacious with no steps to the property
E Step-free	General housing with no steps to the property
F General Housing	Does not meet requirements for other categories
G Not assessed	Property not yet had access survey

Vulnerable applicants who need help and information regarding their housing application and with finding suitable accessible and/or adapted homes, contact the Lettings Client Support Team on 020 7364 0204 / 0206 / 0209.



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Permit Transfer Scheme: for residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets introduced the new Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS) to operate from 5 September 2011 to help to reduce the levels of overcrowding in social rented housing in the borough. The PTS helps some families move to larger social rented car free homes by allowing them to retain one on-street resident car parking permit, subject to the PTS criteria as outlined below being met. The PTS is a change in the operation of the Council's existing on-street Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

CAR FREE HOMES No on-street residents' parking permits issued

The Council's 'car free homes' planning policy was introduced in Tower Hamlets in the late 1990s to help reduce traffic congestion and better manage the limited supply of on-street parking spaces. This initiative also helps to reduce the level of air pollution from motor vehicles and encourages more people to walk, cycle and go by public transport.

The Transport for London (TfL) Cycle Hire scheme (www.tfl.gov.uk/cycling) and local pay-as-you-go car clubs (www.carplus.org.uk) are also now available in Tower Hamlets to help you get around in healthier, greener ways.

If you live in a car free home, you will not be able to apply for on-street residents' car parking permits, unless you hold a disabled driver's blue badge or are eligible under the Permit Transfer

Scheme (PTS), which is targeted at social rented housing residents. The criteria for the PTS is as follows:

1. applies to residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes;
2. only one on-street resident parking permit per household is permitted;
3. you must have held your on-street car parking permit for at least 1 year prior to moving home;
4. your on-street parking permit must be renewed and **not lapse to remain eligible** under the scheme;
5. the tenant is responsible for providing proof of PTS eligibility to Parking Services (including a duly signed and dated Tower Hamlets Homes or housing association approved tenancy agreement); and

6. the PTS was introduced on (and operates from) 5 September 2011 by Tower Hamlets Council and **is not retrospective**.

Residents in car free homes can apply for a temporary parking permit for visiting trades people for £5 a day. To qualify, written proof of the work to be carried out must be provided, along with the vehicle's details. Each home can apply for a maximum of 20 one-day-permits within a 6 month period.

Alternatively, scratchcards are available for trades people and visitors, providing parking for up to five hours on weekdays and all day on weekends. Households can apply for up to 3 books of 10 scratchcards per year. For permit charges and information, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking

Housing Demand

Demand by bedroom need and Banding as at 01/12/2014

Bedroom(s) needed	Band 1A	Band 1B	Band 2	Band 3	Total
1 bed	657	227	1,664	6,258	8,806
2 bed	507	100	1,966	1,743	4,316
3 bed	221	117	3,735	917	4,990
4 bed	96	76	1,241	104	1,517
5 bed +	15	4	150	12	181
Total Current Demand	1,496	524	8,756	9,034	19,810
Total Lets 01/04/2014 to 30/11/2014	241	264	588	115	1,208

Homes Let from 01/04/2014 to 30/11/2014

Bedroom size	Band 1A	Band 1B	Band 2	Band 3	Total
(Bedsit) 0	0	11	32	6	49
1	90	172	119	71	452
2	84	35	285	30	434
3	44	36	123	8	211
4	21	10	13	0	44
5	2	0	15	0	17
6	0	0	1	0	1
7	0	0	0	0	0
Total	241	264	588	115	1,208

Landlord and property type of homes let

Landlord	Bungalow	Flat	House	Maisonette	Total
COUNCIL	1	244	17	52	314
RSL (Registered Social Landlord)	2	693	54	145	894
Total	3	937	71	197	1,208

Floor level of homes let

Basement	Ground	1st	2nd to 4th	5th to 10th	11 +	Total
4	341	199	478	150	36	1,208

Applicants Currently Waiting (years)

The table below shows the length of time applicants are currently waiting on the Housing list. However, it is NOT an indicator of how long applicants can wait for rehousing.

Bedroom(s) required	1 bed	2 bed	3 bed	4 bed	5 bed +	Total
Up to 1 Year	2,190	1,222	809	145	15	4,381
2 Years	1,361	849	673	112	19	3,014
3 Years	389	167	280	131	13	980
4 Years	1,107	456	624	134	17	2,338
5 Years	927	400	533	157	17	2,034
6 Years	724	286	458	158	18	1,644
7 Years	609	198	412	101	16	1,336
8 Years	425	176	346	112	16	1,075
9 Years	300	97	216	110	17	740
10 Years	212	98	156	80	11	557
11 Years	137	59	126	78	5	405
12 Years +	425	308	357	199	17	1,306
Total	8,806	4,316	4,990	1,517	181	19,810

TOWER HAMLETS HOUSING LIST

INFORMATION ON HOUSING DEMAND AND LETS

The way we decide housing priority changed on the 20th April 2013.

Please see the Allocations Scheme document for details.

www.thhs.org.uk



SHELTERED
Accessible Category E
HOGARTH COURT, BATTY STREET, E1

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted . One weeks rent required in advance

Eligibility : Min Client Age 60

£131.38, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Southern Housing Group

Property Ref: 31123



SHELTERED
Accessible Category E
LAWRENCE CLOSE, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 60

£187.72, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 31101



OVER 50's
Accessible Category F
JANET STREET, E14

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years for new tenants. Existing social tenants will be issued an assured tenancy

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£149.23, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31114



BEDSIT SELF-CONTAINED FLAT
Accessible Category D
GOODRICH HOUSE, SEWARDSTONE ROAD, E2

Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted

£97.24, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31126



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
PRINCELET STREET, E1

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted

£110.48, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Spitalfields HA

Property Ref: 31127



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
MONTCALM HOUSE, WESTFERRY ROAD, E14

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years for new tenants. Existing social tenants will be issued an assured tenancy

£143.50, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31103



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
SALMON LANE, E14

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£106.47, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31120



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category E
WESTBROOK HOUSE, VICTORIA PARK SQUARE, E2

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Check heating on viewing • No garden • Pets permitted

£113.11, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31100



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
TOWERGATE HOUSE, ORDELL ROAD, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . One weeks rent required in advance

£128.95, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Southern Housing Group

Property Ref: 31107



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category G
TOWERGATE HOUSE, ORDELL ROAD, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted
One weeks rent required in advance

£128.95, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Southern Housing Group

Property Ref: 31108



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category D
PARNELL ROAD, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£117.71, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31111



1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
CAMPBELL ROAD, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted

£127.31, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31106



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
CABLE STREET, E1

Maisonette • 2 Bed 3 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets with landlords permission

£153.06, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 31094



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
WALTER BESANT HOUSE, BANCROFT ROAD, E1

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£125.74, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31119



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category E
FINDHORN STREET, E14

House • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C, Shower Room with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Permit parking • Pets with landlords permission
One weeks rent required in advance

£151.79, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 31124



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
KELSON HOUSE, STEWART STREET, E14

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 20th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years for new tenants. Existing social tenants will be issued an assured tenancy

£164.37, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31093



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category D
PALMERS ROAD, E2

Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 5th floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric radiators • No garden • Pets not permitted . Electric only - no gas . Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years for new tenants. Existing social tenants will be issued an assured tenancy

£156.87, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31104



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
SHEPPARD HOUSE, WARNER PLACE, E2

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£124.47, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31112



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
SHIPLAKE HOUSE, ARNOLD CIRCUS, E2

Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 4th floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£130.47, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31117



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category E
CHAMBORD HOUSE, CHAMBORD STREET, E2

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Shower Room with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted

£122.94, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31113



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
DORRINGTON POINT, BROMLEY HIGH STREET, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 8th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Balcony • Pets with landlords permission . One weeks rent required in advance

£144.22, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 31121



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
SLEAFORD HOUSE, FERN STREET, E3
Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 15th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Permit parking • Pets with landlords permission .One weeks rent required in advance

£144.19, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 31102



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
SUMNER HOUSE, WATTS GROVE, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Permit parking • Pets with landlords permission . One weeks rent required in advance

£130.20, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 31115



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category E
BRODICK HOUSE, SAXON ROAD, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 13th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Electric storage heater • No garden • Pets permitted Concierge/CCTV

Eligibility : Homeless Permanent

£149.38, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31099



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
CEPHAS AVENUE, E1
Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • Basement • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • Check heating on viewing • Private garden • Permit parking • Pets not permitted

£155.55, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Genesis Housing Association

Property Ref: 31109



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BLOOMFIELD HOUSE, OLD MONTAGUE STREET, E1
Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Wet room (walk in shower) • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted • Stairlift

Eligibility : Transfer List

£140.93, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31118



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BRION PLACE, E14
Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Permit parking • Pets with landlords permission . One weeks rent required in advance

£153.28, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 31125



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BRUCE ROAD, E3
House • 3 Bed 6 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Check garden on viewing • Pets permitted

£135.02, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31128



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
ROSWELL APARTMENTS, JOSEPH STREET, E3
Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • 2nd floor • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted

£160.60, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 31116



3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
SINCLAIRS HOUSE, ST STEPHENS ROAD, E3
Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£140.22, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 31092

AFFORDABLE RENT PROPERTIES

Changes to Government policy mean that Housing Associations have been forced to charge higher rents on some properties. In addition not all tenancies will be tenancies for life. Please note the rent level and length of tenancy offered on the following homes.

You are advised to check the Homeseekers website at www.thhs.org.uk for further information.



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
RAYNERS TERRACE, CARR STREET, E14
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Life Time. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£184.67, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 31105



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
CANDY STREET, E3
Maisonette • 3 Bed 6 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£217.70, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 31110



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
CANDY STREET, E3
Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£155.16, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 31122



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
CRANE HOUSE, ROMAN ROAD, E3
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£160.11, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 31097



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
WHELER STREET, E1
Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted • Life Time. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£247.00, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 31098



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category G
FLOWER AND DEAN WALK, E1
House • 2 Bed 3 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£229.36, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 31095



AFFORDABLE RENT
Accessible Category F
CRANE HOUSE, ROMAN ROAD, E3
Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted • Fixed Term. This is a fixed term tenancy of 5 years.

£225.14, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 31096

REMINDER

Please respect people's privacy by not attempting to access advertised properties or knocking at neighbouring homes. This causes a nuisance and may distress some individuals.

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Ref: CLC00641 | Part-time, sessional hours
Closing date: 19/12/14

£20.78 – £26.35
per hour

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Communities, Localities and Culture Directorate
Ref: CLC00642 | Part-time, sessional hours
Closing date: 19/12/14

£20.78 – £26.35
per hour

For more information and to apply for these and other career opportunities, please visit the Tower Hamlets website.

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/careers

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After over three and a half years of successful leadership, our current CEO is leaving to take up another appointment. We are looking for a leader with a strong track record of influencing policy, generating income and commitment to delivering excellence. You will lead a high performing and expanding team.
Salary: P08 (£50,422 - £55,206 inc. Inner London Weighting)

Development Officer

3-year fixed term contract supported by The City of London Corporation's charity, City Bridge Trust. You will lead our Governance, Finance and Impact Project and have at least 2 years' experience of development work with the voluntary and community sector.
Salary: P01 (£31,426 inc. Inner London Weighting)

Health and Wellbeing Officer

28 hours a week, fixed term contract to 31st March 2016, subject to renewal. You will work closely with the VCS Health and Wellbeing Forum and the statutory health sector to coordinate effective strategic representation, collaboration, co-production and delivery of responsive services for local residents.
Salary: P03 (£35,371 pro-rata inc. Inner London Weighting)

For an application pack, please visit www.thcvs.org.uk/jobs
For any queries, please contact Ryan O'Kane on 020 8980 8427

Closing date for all applications is Midday, Monday 19th January 2015
Interviews will be held during the first week of February 2015 at an easily accessible location in Tower Hamlets.

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Tower Hamlets Apprenticeship Programme

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The apprenticeships on offer:

Level 2 Apprenticeship in
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(Ref No: RES00267)

Level 2 Apprenticeship in
Youth Work
(Ref No: RES00268)

Level 2 Apprenticeship in
Health and Social Care
(Ref No: RES00269)

The council is now recruiting for its apprenticeship scheme. This 12 month scheme offers a great opportunity for any young person who would like to achieve a nationally recognised qualification whilst gaining valuable work experience. Successful candidates will be placed in teams across the council.

LBTH are asking for the following entry criteria:

- be a resident of the borough
- be aged between 16–24 years old (17-24 for Youth Work)
- have grade D or above in GCSE English and grade E or above in GCSE Maths (or equivalent)
- must not hold a degree or level 4 qualifications
- be committed to the council's core values of achieving results, engaging with others, valuing diversity and learning effectively.

Programme benefits include:

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- A 12 month fixed term contract

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- 21 days annual leave per annum.

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Assessments: January/February 2015
Interviews: 16, 17 & 18 February 2015
Programme start date: 16 March 2015

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Essential requirement: Level 3 qualification in early years, experience in management.

£10 per hour for 20 hours a week.

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Closing date: 19/12/14
Interviews: TBC

We are looking for a full time nursery nurse to join our busy Muddy Boots Nursery

Required: Level 3 qualification or equivalent and min 3 years' experience. 36 hours per week.

Must be a motivated individual with excellent team player qualities and able to use own initiative.

Must have a good understanding of EYFS.

Closing date: Fri, 9th January 2015

Interviews: January 2015

Please see www.mudchute.org for job description and application form or email admissions@muddy-boots.org

Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – VAUGHAN WAY E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Vaughan Way for a distance of approximately 200 metres, south, from its junction with The Highway.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Metro Traffic Services Limited.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via East Smithfield, Thomas More Street, Stockholm Way and Vaughan Way and vice versa or The Highway, Wapping Lane, Wapping High Street, Sampson Street and Vaughan Way and vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate on a weekend and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002:

- On Saturday 10th January 2015 from 08:00 hours until 18:00 hours;
- On Sunday 11th January 2015 from 08:00 hours until 18:00 hours..

Please refer any queries regarding the above traffic restriction to Mick Jameson, Network Coordinator, Transport and Highways on

020 7364 6717 or email, mick.jameson@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 15th December 2014

**JAMIE BLAKE
SERVICE HEAD
PUBLIC REALM
MULBERRY PLACE
5 CLOVE CRESCENT
LONDON E14 2BG**

PUBLIC NOTICE

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

LICENSING ACT 2003

NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR A PREMISES LICENCE

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT ZMS Enterprise Ltd has applied to London Borough of Tower Hamlets Licensing Authority for a Premises Licence under the Licensing Act 2003.

Premises: 269 Commercial Road, E1 2PS

The licensable activities and timings are: Provision of late night refreshments. Fri: 23.00 to 00.00. Sat: 23.00 to 00.00

Anyone who wishes to make representations regarding this application must give notice in writing to: The Licensing Section, London Borough of Tower Hamlets, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 2BG. Website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk Tel: 020 7364 5008

Representations must be received no later than 07/01/15

The Application Record and Register may be viewed between 10am and 4pm Monday to Friday during normal office hours at the above address.

It is an offence under Section 158 of the Licensing Act 2003, knowingly or recklessly to make a false statement in connection with an application and the maximum fine for which a person is liable on summary conviction for the offence is up to Level 5 on the standard scale (£5000)



Notice Of Application For Planning Permission

Under Article 13 Of The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 The Town And Country Planning Act 1990 (As Amended)

Date of notice: 15-Dec-2014

In accordance with the above act and related legislation, notice is hereby given that the application forms, plans and other documents submitted in relation to the proposal noted below may be examined at the London Legacy Development Corporation reception Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ. The reception is open from 09:00 – 17:00 Monday to Friday by appointment only telephone number 020 3288 8820. The above documents are also available to download from the Planning Register on the Planning Policy and Decisions Team website <http://planningregister.londonlegacy.co.uk>. **Anyone who wishes to make comments about the application should write to the address below quoting the relevant Application Reference Number:** Director of Planning Policy and Decisions Team, London Legacy Development Corporation, Level 10, 1 Stratford Place, Montfichet Road, London E20 1EJ. Alternatively comments can be made by email to: planningenquiries@londonlegacy.co.uk Comments should be submitted within 21 days of the date of this notice and should be received by **05-Jan-2015**. **Application Reference No:** 14/00445/FUL **Application Site:** 411-415, Wick Lane, E3 2JG **Description of Proposal:** Mixed use redevelopment in buildings up to 9 storeys in height (+36.8m AOD), incorporating 3,235sqm of workspace (use class B1b&c) for arts and creative industry, 321sqm of cafe (use class A3) and 342sqm of retail shop (use class A1); along with 199 new homes on upper floors, new public realm and pedestrian link to Greenway. **Applicant's name:** IDM Properties **Application Reference No:** 14/00479/REM **Application Site:** The International Quarter South, Land Adjacent to Westfield Avenue, Zone 2 Stratford City **Description of Proposal:** Approval of Reserved Matters for the layout and scale of in-ground services and utilities pursuant to conditions B1 and B8 of Outline Planning Permission reference 10/90641/EXTODA. **Applicant's name:** Stratford City Business District Limited. **Application Reference No:** 14/00481/FUL **Application Site:** Zone 2 The International Quarter South, Land adjacent to Westfield Avenue, Stratford City **Description of Proposal:** Application for the temporary and phased diversion of the existing pedestrian route between Westfield Avenue and Bridge F10 through The International Quarter Zone 2 (currently known as 'The Stitch'). **Applicant's name:** Stratford City Business District Limited. **Application Reference No:** 14/00482/REM **Application Site:** Plot S5 The International Quarter South, Land adjacent to Westfield Avenue, Zone 2, Stratford City **Description of Proposal:** Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to conditions B1, B8, B9 and B10 of Outline Planning Permission reference 10/90641/EXTODA, being details of the siting and engineering works, in-ground drainage services and utilities, and associated substructure works of Plot S5. **Applicant's name:** Stratford City Business District Limited. **Application Reference No:** 14/00483/REM **Application Site:** Plot S6 The International Quarter South, Land adjacent to Westfield Avenue, Zone 2, Stratford City **Description of Proposal:** Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to conditions B1, B8, B9 and B10 of Outline Planning Permission reference 10/90641/EXTODA, being details of the siting and engineering works, in-ground drainage services and utilities, and associated substructure works of Plot S6. **Applicant's name:** Stratford City Business District Limited. **Dated:** 15-Dec-2014; **Authorised by:** Anthony Hollingsworth **On Behalf of:** London Legacy Development Corporation, Planning Policy and Decisions Team.

LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13(4)) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

100 Whitechapel Road and land near in Fieldgate Street & Vine Court, London, E1 1JG PA/13/3049/SBU

Demolition of existing vehicle workshop and car showroom; erection of a residential development comprising a total of 185 dwellings (comprising 10 studios; 65 x 1 bed; 71 x 2 bed; 27 x 3 bed; 12 x 4 bed) in an 18 storey building facing Fieldgate Street; and 2 buildings ranging in height from 8-12 storey building facing Whitechapel Road and Vine Court, provision of ground floor retail, office and restaurant spaces (Class A1, A2 and A3), café (A3); 274.9 sqm extension to the prayer hall at the East London Mosque and provision of pedestrian link between Fieldgate Street and Whitechapel Road, extension to existing basement to provide 20 disabled car parking spaces, motorcycle spaces, 360 bicycle parking spaces and bin storage in basement, associated landscape and public realm works.- REVISIONS RECEIVED

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated 15th December 2014

**OWEN WHALLEY
HEAD OF PLANNING & BUILDING CONTROL**



Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – OLD CASTLE STREET E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough

of Tower Hamlets proposes to make an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in the length of carriageway in Old Castle Street for a distance of approximately 50 metres between its junction with Pomell Way and its junction with Wentworth Street.

The restrictions on vehicular traffic will enable essential gas works to be carried out on the public highway by Optimise Thames Water.

The alternative route for vehicular traffic will be via Old Castle Street,

Whitechapel High Street, Commercial Street, White Row, Bell Lane, Cobb Street and Middlesex Street except for Saturdays and every evening from 18:30 hours, when the alternative routes will be Pomell Way, Commercial Street and Wentworth Street and vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Tuesday 6th January 2015 to Monday 12th January 2015 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway pursuant to the Traffic Signs Regulations and General Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regarding the traffic restriction to Dave Pryce, Network Coordinator, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6898 or email david.pryce@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 15th December 2014

**JAMIE BLAKE
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London Borough of Newham

Planning Applications submitted by London City Airport

Public Consultation – Notice of further environmental information received from the applicant namely a Supplementary Cumulative Effects Assessment in relation to the Gallions Quarter Scheme and CADP and a letter dated 8th December 2014 setting out the applicant's suggested planning obligations pursuant to S106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

The following planning applications submitted to the London Borough of Newham are advertised under Article 13 of the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (as amended) and in accordance with all other relevant statutory requirements arising pursuant to the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) and the Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 (as amended) and Regulation 22 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011.

London City Airport submitted two inter-related planning applications to the London Borough of Newham on 26 July 2013, to deliver the 'City Airport Development Programme' (CADP), these applications are referred to as CADP1 (planning application 13/01228/FUL) and CADP2 (planning application 13/01373/OUT).

This notice is to advertise that the applicant has submitted further information as set out in the text above.

Application Site: London City Airport, Hartmann Road, Silvertown, London, E16 2PX

Planning Application CADP1: Works to demolish existing buildings and structures and provide additional infrastructure and passenger facilities at London City Airport. Detailed planning permission is being sought for:

- (a) Demolition of existing buildings and structures;
- (b) 4 upgraded aircraft stands and 7 new aircraft parking stands;
- (c) Extension and modification of the existing airfield, including the creation of an extended taxi-lane;
- (d) Emergency vehicle access point over King George V Dock;
- (e) Replacement landside Forecourt to include vehicle circulation, pick up and drop off areas and hard and soft landscaping;
- (f) Eastern Extension to the existing Terminal Building (including alteration works to the existing Terminal);
- (g) Construction of a three storey passenger pier to the east of the existing Terminal;
- (h) Erection of Noise Barriers;
- (i) Western Extension and alterations to the existing Terminal;
- (j) Western Energy Centre, storage, ancillary accommodation and landscaping;
- (k) Facilitation Works including temporary coaching facility and extension to the outbound baggage area;
- (l) Upgrading works to Hartmann Road;
- (m) Passenger and staff parking, car hire parking, taxi feeder park and ancillary and related work;
- (n) Eastern Energy Centre;
- (o) Dock Source Heat Exchange System within King George V Dock; and
- (p) Ancillary and related work.

The application does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan and affects the setting of Listed Buildings: i) Central Buffet at Custom House, Royal Albert Dock – Grade II; ii) Central Offices at Custom House, Royal Albert Dock – Grade II; and, iii) St Marks Church, North Woolwich Road – Grade II.

OFFICER: Sunil Sahadevan Ref: 13/01228/FUL

Planning Application CADP2: Outline application for erection of a hotel with up to 260 bedrooms, ancillary flexible A1-A4 floorspace at ground floor, meeting/conference facilities together with associated amenity space, landscaping, plant and ancillary works.

The application affects the setting of Listed Buildings: i) Central Buffet at Custom House, Royal Albert Dock – Grade II; ii) Central Offices at Custom House, Royal Albert Dock – Grade II; and, iii) St Marks Church, North Woolwich Road – Grade II.

OFFICER: Sunil Sahadevan Ref: 13/01373/OUT

Both these applications including the further information are currently being considered by the London Borough of Newham as the Local Planning Authority. Before making a decision on these applications, the Local Planning Authority would like to know your views on this additional information. If you wish to make any comments the additional information, they should be submitted in writing no later than **23rd January 2015**. Please note that if you do not submit comments by this date, your views may not be able to be taken into account.

The applications can be viewed online at: www.newham.gov.uk/pa where you will be able to view the plans and other documents relating to these applications, as well as send us your views.

In addition, you may inspect copies of the additional information and the other application documents at the following locations (the opening hours listed below are accurate at the time of writing):

- **North Woolwich Library**, 5 Pier Parade, North Woolwich, E16 2LJ (London Borough of Newham). Opening hours: Monday/Tuesday 09.30-17.30, Thursday 13.00-20.00, Saturday 09.30-17.30. CLOSED: Wednesday, Friday, Saturday.
- **Idea Store Chrisp Street**, 1 Vesey Path, East India Dock Road, E14 6BT (London Borough of Tower Hamlets). Opening hours: Monday-Thursday 09.00-21.00, Friday 09.00-18.00, Saturday 09.00-17.00, Sunday 10.00-16.00.
- **Woolwich Library at The Woolwich Centre**, 35 Wellington Street, Woolwich, SE18 6HQ (Royal Borough of Greenwich). Opening hours: Monday/Thursday 09.00-19.00, Tuesday/Wednesday/Friday 09.00-17.30, Saturday 09.00-17.00. CLOSED: Sunday.
- **Newham Dockside**, 1000 Dockside Road, E16 2QU (London Borough of Newham) - by prior appointment only - Contact sunil.sahadevan@newham.gov.uk or call 020 3373 1423.

You may obtain a hard copy of the additional information free of charge from: RPS Planning and Development, 14 Cornhill, London, EC3V 3ND or by calling RPS on 020 7280 3200.

Any person wishing to make representations relating to the applications should do so online at: www.newham.gov.uk/pa or in writing to the officer identified above at Newham Dockside, 1000 Dockside Road, E16 2QU. Please note that representations already received regarding these applications will be taken into account by the London Borough of Newham as part of the assessment of the applications.



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Mon, 6.30pm. Mile End
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St John's Church Hall, 200
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London Dockers Club,
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7790 3785

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PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULA- TION ACT 1984 – SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – VALLANCE ROAD E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that
the Council of the London Bor-
ough of Tower Hamlets made an
Order, which will prohibit vehicu-
lar traffic from entering, stopping
or proceeding in the length of car-
riageway in Vallance Road be-

tween its junction with Dunbridge
Street and its junction with Ped-
ley Street.

The restriction on vehicular traf-
fic will enable essential detailed
railway bridge inspection to be car-
ried out on the public highway by
Centurion Traffic Management.

The alternative route for vehicu-
lar traffic will be via Vallance
Road, Selby Street, Hemming
Street and Dunbridge Street and
vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traf-
fic will operate from Thursday 18th
December 2014 at 22:00 hours un-
til Friday 19th December 2014 at
06:00 hours when temporary traf-

fic signs are placed on the pub-
lic highway pursuant to the Traf-
fic Signs Regulations and General
Directions 2002.

Please refer any queries regard-
ing the above traffic restriction to
Charlie Harrison, Network Coordi-
nator, Network Management
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR
DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING
AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA
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OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER
HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

30 Prescott Street, London, E1 8BB **PA/14/3265/LYM**
To carry out essential strengthening works to the party wall and floor immediately
adjacent No 31 Prescott Street.

Flat 5A, Olivers Wharf, 64 Wapping High Street, London, E1W 2PJ **PA/14/2930 & 2931/KHA**
Siting of solar photovoltaic panels on an area of flat lead roof and solar thermal
tubes on an existing rooftop pavilion

34 Settles Street, London, E1 1JP **PA/14/3267/AHU**
Erection of roof extension creating an additional storey, to form single self-contained
dwelling

Flat 5, 69 Cadogan Terrace, London, E9 5HP **PA/14/3103/IOL**
Replacement of 3no first floor windows on front elevation with timber framed double
glazed units

Telecommunications Apparatus Outside 14 To 20, Dunbridge Street, London **PA/14/3224/KHA**
GPDO application for proposed 4G (Fourth Generation) upgrade to existing
equipment

59-61 Roman Road, London, E2 0QN **PA/14/3226/MCH**
Planning Application to Replace the Existing (Crittall, Metal) windows facing
Roman Road with Timber Windows

Advert Fronting Front Wall of No 2, East India Dock Road, London, E14 **PA/14/3266/SAE**
Replacement of the existing internally-illuminated 'light box' display with an
internally -illuminated 'LED Screen' display.

100 Whitechapel Road and land near in Fieldgate Street & Vine Court, London, E1 1JG **PA/13/3049/SBU**
Demolition of existing vehicle workshop and car showroom; erection of a residential
development comprising a total of 185 dwellings (comprising 10 studios; 65 x 1
bed; 71 x 2 bed; 27 x 3 bed; 12 x 4 bed) in an 18 storey building facing Fieldgate
Street; and 2 buildings ranging in height from 8-12 storey building facing Whitechapel
Road and Vine Court, provision of ground floor retail, office and restaurant spaces
(Class A1, A2 and A3), café (A3); 274.9 sqm extension to the prayer hall at the East
London Mosque and provision of pedestrian link between Fieldgate Street and
Whitechapel Road, extension to existing basement to provide 20 disabled car
parking spaces, motorcycle spaces, 360 bicycle parking spaces and bin storage
in basement, associated landscape and public realm works.- REVISIONS RECEIVED

The following are householder applications and in the event of an appeal against
a refusal of planning permission, which is to be dealt with on the basis of
representations in writing, any representations made about these applications
will be sent to the secretary of state, and there will be no further opportunity
to comment at appeal stage.

12 Lichfield Road, London, E3 5AT **PA/14/3264/LAB**
Internal modernisation. Two storey rear extension. Single storey rear/side extension
Replacement windows throughout.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of
9am-1pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove
Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the
Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please
tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these
applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date
of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above
address.

Dated: 15th December 2014

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control



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Sport

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MILLWALL'S first team set their sights on a top four finish after this resounding win over Writtle.

Turi Mcleod-Bennett had a superb game and scored a hat-trick of tries, while the back line tore Writtle to shreds.

The forwards had a tough game up front being beaten in the scrum but a strong performance in the breakdown around the field.

The win pushes the side up to fifth in the table.

Maldon 2nds 28

Millwall Llamas 14

MILLWALL skipper James Newman believes his team are still in the hunt for the league title despite what looks, on paper, an emphatic defeat at Essex side Maldon.

And Newman probably pins that faith on the fact that the Llamas, Millwall's second team, were leading after half an hour.

But then cruel luck saw them hit by injuries in the ninth, tenth, 12th and 50th minutes and they were forced to play out the game with 13 players and the game suddenly turned Maldon's way allowing them to leapfrog Millwall in the league.

Millwall's scorers were Myles Walker and Ash Grimes with conversions coming from Scott Viddcombe and James Fitzpatrick.

Kilburn 25

Millwall Venus 17

This was the last game of the year for Venus ladies. Rosie Whitter, Michelle Ryan and Jennifer Faithful scored a try apiece and Jo Sichler converted one.

Basketball

LONDON Lions followed up their 89-75 win over Leicester Riders at the Copper Box Arena with a superb 72-67 win over Manchester Giants at The Sportsdome.

Victory was made possible by the form of the league's most valuable player Zaire Taylor who bagged 30 points.

Giants matched the Lions for effort and fight, but in the end

the unstoppable Taylor was the difference between the sides.

Giants boss Jeff Jones admitted: "Lions are a decent side and have guys who have been there and done it, but we got pushed out of what we wanted to do."

Cycling

THE UCI Track Cycling World Cup London opened at Stratford's Lee Valley VeloPark with two gold medal successes by the Great Britain women's quartet of Laura Trott, Katie Archibald, Elinor Barker and Ciara Horne and the men's team of Andy Tennant, Steven Burke, Mark Christian and Owain Doull.

The following day GB's men's Madison duo of Owain Doull and Mark Christian received a standing ovation after fighting to a gold medal win and Elinor Barker took the first accolade of the night in the women's event, securing bronze.

On the final day, crowd favourite Laura Trott was the only gold winner in the omnium.

Boxing

JOHNNY Waldron, former Repton amateur and winner of all but one of his professional fights, was forced to go on Facebook to prove he was alive.

Rumours the one-time lightweight had died caused a stir after two ex-Repton boxers, Billy Taylor and Ray Tabi, offered condolences.

But Waldron contacted them to say he was alive and didn't know how the rumours started.

Sailing

SHADWELL Sailing Centre saw its annual turnover drop to £250,000 the annual general meeting was told while outgoings were £290,000 – the same as the previous year.

But the centre remains in a healthy state with assets of more than £600,000 and plans to stage events to mark its 40th anniversary in 2016.

The figures were expected and a tough year forecast financially because of the changeover in centre director, which meant less time for fund-raising.

Wapping feel the heat at an icy Old Loughts

BY PETER FAULKNER

WAPPING hockey coach Mark Dungey gave his side an inspirational pre-match talk before they faced in-form Old Loughtonians at home.

But although Wapping played well Dungey's words ultimately had no bearing on the result as they went down 3-0.

After a week's rest Wapping were raring to go out after cracking through the icy pitch during the warm-up.

Both sides started strongly, with Old Loughts putting together some slick attacking moves that were met with the usual solid defence from Wapping's backline of Maria and Charlotte Keizer, Georgia McGillvray, Hannah Gage and Sarah Burke. Goalkeeper Mooch Perkins ably assisted with a number of good saves.

Wapping made some fantastic transfers along the wings to attack Old Loughts' defence using its energetic midfield of Becky Hart, player of the match Helen Rees and captain Lucy Todd.

Having managed to hold firm for most of the first half of the game, Wapping conceded their first goal just before the half-time whistle.

The second half began with Wapping determined to equalise, but Old Loughts managed to convert a short corner to double their advantage and now Wapping were up against it.



The Wapping ladies first team

Wapping continued to battle and had a series of powerful attacks from the speedy forward line of Louise Song, Jo Ward, Kate Radford, Natasha Close and Rachel Haseloff.

Wapping's Maria Keizer received a yellow card shortly after, leaving the home side with 10 players on the pitch. Old Loughts used this to their advantage and found the net again.

Other results: Wapping men's 2nds 6,

Potters Bar 0; Wapping men's 3rd 2, Waltham Forest 2nd 0; Wapping men's 5th 1, East London 3rd 2; Wapping men's 7th 2, East London 5th 1; Wapping men's 8th 3, Romford 2nd 0; Wapping men's 9th 1, Crostyx 4; Wapping Ladies 2nd 2, Burnt Ash 1st 3; Wapping Ladies 3rd 9, Brentwood 2nd 0; Wapping Ladies 4th 0, Havering 1st 1; Wapping ladies 5th 12, Old Loughtonians 0; Wapping ladies 7th 2, East London 6th 0.

East put Chelmsford to the Sword

East London men's 2nd 6
Chelmsford 3rd 0

CHELMSFORD initially decided the pitch was unplayable, but must have rued their choice to reverse that decision.

East London played with such intensity that they scored four goals in quick succession, capped off by a deceptive penalty flick, to take their lead to five by half time.

Tom Sword scored two and Joe Green, Mitch Nicholson and Justin Cook also got on the scoresheet – Nicholson with a

shot from the top of the D and Cook with one on the reverse.

East lined up eagerly for the second half, fully expecting the game to be called off, but it was played out to a conclusion.

A subdued second half saw only one goal, a wonder effort from Alex Kickham, while a couple of shots on open goal from team-mate Ben Howson went begging.

This was near perfection from East London.

East London ladies 1st 0
Holcombe 2nd, 5

WHILE London slept East

London's first team headed to Lee Valley with frost under foot and clear winter skies above.

The pitch took some time to defrost and warm up and so did the home side.

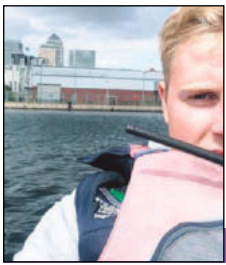
Table toppers Holcombe took the lead early and were three up at the break.

Despite constant pressure and man-of-the-match Ellis Quinlan running the ball from end to end, East London could not penetrate the visitors defence.

A five goal margin was a marginal improvement for East over their previous clash with

the visitors – on the opening day of the season they shipped six.

Other results: East London men's 3rd 2, Wapping 5th 1; East London 5th 1, Wapping 7th 2; East London 6th 6, Old Southendian 5th 1; East London Sparrowhawks 0, Witham 5th 7; East London ladies 2nd 5, University of Essex 4; East London 3rd 4, Brentwood 3rd 2; East London 4th 5, Thurrock 3rd 0; East London 6th 0, Wapping 7th 2; East London Mixed 1st 5, Wapping Printers 1; East London Mixed 2nd 2, Clapham Common 2nd 3.



No fear about the challenge ahead

“Being bought up in the East End, I would say I am pretty fearless, and ready to give anything a go. To sail across the Pacific would be an awesome challenge.”

CHARLIE STANNARD, LEFT

A league of their own

FC Hamlets are running away with the Olympian League Division Three title and could soon be out of reach.

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Sport



Charlie Stannard is one step away from being selected for the race of a lifetime

Sailing the Pacific would be awesome

Instructor Charlie on verge of joining round-the-world yacht race

BY PETER FAULKNER

CHARLIE Stannard is the latest star in the making to come from the Docklands Sailing and Watersport Centre.

The 19-year-old from the Isle of Dogs has been given the chance of a lifetime to fight for a place in next year's Clipper Round the World Yacht Race – a prize worth £10,000.

Charlie is one of the final two challengers for a place on the crew for the Pacific Ocean leg of this historic race and will go to the clipper race headquarters in Gosport, Hampshire at the end of March for a final selection process.

Following assessment, either he or Heather Thomas, also 19, from Yorkshire, will win the overall prize which includes three further levels of training and return flights to China for the start of that race, and return flights from the finish in the USA.

The runner-up will also be given the opportunity to complete the full clipper race training.

Charlie was chosen by legendary sailing duo Sir Ben Ainslie and Sir Robin

Knox-Johnston – who donated the £10,000 prize to the Andrew Simpson Sailing Foundation – following a national contest.

The 5,500-mile Pacific Ocean leg of the race, from Qingdao, China, to America, will take a month to complete.

Charlie, an instructor at the Docklands Sailing Centre, said: “To find out that I am a finalist was a huge surprise.

“Being bought up in the East End, I would say I am pretty fearless, and ready to give anything a go. To sail across the Pacific would be an awesome challenge.

“I’m looking forward to training with many interesting people from all over the world and to taking my sailing experience to the next level.”

Sir Robin, the first man to sail solo, non-stop around the world, said: “Charlie impressed myself and Sir Ben with both his strong level of enthusiasm and his achievements in competitive sailing.

“He is an excellent example of someone who has worked hard in the face of personal challenges to

continue to pursue his passion for sailing.

“Charlie is in for a highly inspiring introduction to ocean racing on board our specially designed Clipper 70 yachts.”

Charlie was nominated by Steve Mitchell, Royal Yachting Association regional development officer, who said: “Charlie was introduced to sailing through the Docklands Sailing and Watersport Centre.

“After first coming to the centre for something to do, Charlie caught the sailing bug and is now competing in dinghy racing, and volunteering and working part time for the DSWC charity.”

Charlie has represented Tower Hamlets in the London Youth Games, as well as competing at three national and two world championships, medalling on numerous occasions.

He also volunteers with the London Youth Games, mentoring younger competitors, and runs weekly sailing sessions for a local disabled group.

The Clipper 2015-16 Race starts next August for what will be the tenth running of the event.

Soccer round-up Hamlets go clear

FC Hamlets POAPC 3
Epping 0

FC HAMLETS are running away with the Olympian League Division Three title and could be out of sight by the end of January.

Second placed Epping were despatched as Hamlets increased their lead at the top by four points, with two games in hand over Southend.

The title could be almost over if Hamlets win at Southend on December 20 and Upminster on January 3.

Epping only had ten men for the first 15 minutes, but Hamlets took time getting through before Best put the finish to a fine move.

Five minutes later a neat passing movement between Oakley and Clancey ended with a cross first being blocked before Aggabi stroked home the rebound.

Despite Hamlets having the lion's share of possessions and chances the score remained 2-0 until five minutes from time. Midfielder Oakley picked up the ball on the halfway line, dribbled down the left flank then cut inside and across the defence before drilling the ball home into the bottom right-hand corner of the goal.

Cup survives quit shock

THE news that referee and fines secretary Jeff Gordon had resigned from the **East London Sunday League** came as a shock just days before the final Jubilee Cup programme was due to take place.

With Brian Hannon the league's chairman and fixture secretary, and Katherine Hannon, league registration secretary, taking over Gordon's responsibilities, all the games went ahead as scheduled.

In Group A, Athletico Bow lost to EL Valiente, Luke Barter and Lawrence With getting the goals for Bow while Aaron Marston (2), Shaun Brannand and Dean Rodgers scoring for Valiente.

In Group B, Hatch lane beat FC Romania 7-1, with goals from Chris Theodore (2), Marlon Campbell (2), Kazim Bishop (2) and Dean Florence.

In Group C Cranes beat Haringey Town 3-1, thanks to a Nelson Senkatuka hat-trick, while Young Prince were awarded victory over Pedro.

In Group D, Nightingale were awarded the win against Chettle Court while Stratford were awarded the points against Wimbledon Park.

In Group E, Reama beat Stoke Newington 3-0 while Mabley lost 9-1 to

Hackney Downs, Jamie Tran was the scorer for Mabley.

In Group F, Vallance lost to FC Stepney 6-0 goals from Franie King (2), Johnny Ashman (2), Lee Brown and Clifford Roast doing the damage, while Dalston beat St Lucia 4-0.

The league is now looking for new committee members.

Call Brian Hannon on 07956 819829 or email bpphanon@sky.com.

League races hot up

THE races for all three divisions of the **Inner London Football League** are shaping up.

With neither of the top two of the Premier Division in action, Stepney took the opportunity to go joint top with a 4-0 victory over second from bottom Island. West End are three points behind them, with a game in hand.

The other two matches saw Beaumont win 2-1 against SYA and Bromley draw 3-3 with Leytonstone.

In the First Division SCTA continued their 100 per cent record form with a 10-1 walloping of Burdett.

Second placed Reachout, points adrift of top spot after beating Stepney B 3-2, are followed closely by Bow FC 4-1 winners over Weavers.

Following the first loss of the season for Second Division leaders Robin Hood Tigers last weekend, Beaumont Youth capitalised and hit 14 goals past St Katharine's U21s to go within two points of the top. They meet Robin Hood next.

The only other game of this division this week sees Tower Hamlets B record an 8-2 victory over Riverside.

The final ILFL weekend of games this year will be the Champions League featuring Hackney Leyton League, Camden League and Muswell Hill League.

Rivals share same fate

NOT such a good day for local rivals **Tower Hamlets** and **Sporting Bengal** in the Essex Senior League.

Both suffered losses, Hamlets going down 2-1 at Stansted

Sporting are now rooted to the bottom of the table after losing 2-0 at home to Greenhouse at Mile End.

Futsal competition

THE game of futsal is coming to east London in a bid to beat the English winter. The Capital Girls Futsal League is staging the cup competition indoors at Stratford's Copper Box Arena beginning January 24.



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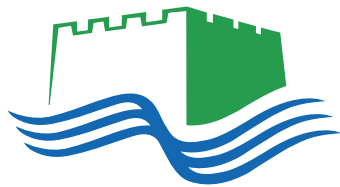
TONY CARROLL, 07538 554482



Formed on the streets of Stepney

Senrab was formed in Senrab Street, Stepney, and the players trained at Marion Richardson School in nearby Barnes Street, which is also Senrab spelt backwards.

SEE BELOW



TOWER HAMLETS

NEWS FROM TOWER HAMLETS COUNCIL AND YOUR COMMUNITY

Senrab pay the price of success

Appeal for backers after winning Club of the Year award

BY PETER FAULKNER

SOCCKER owes a huge debt to Senrab Football Club for nurturing millions of pounds worth of talent for the Premier League and England.

The list of stars who kicked their first football with this half-a-century old club reads like a Who's Who of football and there are few clubs who can match its pedigree.

Recognition came at the Daily Mirror Pride Awards when they became the first winners of the Local Club of the Year award at the Grosvenor Hotel on December 3.

But discovering players like Jermaine Defoe, Ledley King, John Terry, Bobby Zamora, Ray Wilkins and Sol Campbell, to name just a few, has backfired on a club that now has 26 teams competing every week.

In reality, Senrab have become victims of their own success,

with a widely held perception that the club has plentiful cash and excellent facilities.

Club secretary Tony Carroll, a Senrab stalwart, said: “Most people think that because we discovered Premiership players and have a reputation as one of the biggest junior football clubs in the country, we are also well off financially.

“Nothing could be further from the truth. The success of Canary Wharf has attracted a lot of entrepreneurs into the area, many of whom bought up land and took away potential facilities where we could train.

“Now we have to pay £60 a week to train at Bartlett Park in Poplar, because most facilities are privately owned, and that's a lot of money for a small club.

“Facilities now are more corporate orientated and that leaves us in the cold.”

So this week Tony has appealed for businesses at Canary Wharf to step in as sponsors.

He said: “There are hundreds of businesses and many of them could be our saviours.

“We cannot ask parents to pay because a lot of the boys are from low-income and one-parent families.

“Getting the Local Club of the Year award was a tremendous accolade and just reward not only for the current playing and training staff, but for previous regimes as well. But people don't realise our success has been our downfall.

“Last year, we had to cancel our presentation evening because we couldn't sell enough tickets – parents just can't afford it. And this year we were grateful to Jermaine Defoe who sponsored the whole evening.

“I am at the other end of a phone line if anyone wants to help us. We need funding to move forward and continue being successful.”

Tony can be reached at 07538 554482.



Tony Carroll says Senrab are in dire need of sponsorship

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